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## UNIVERSITY BUREAUCRATS MISUSE PUBLIC MONEY: STORM OVER ELECTION MEDDLING

National political leaders have complained to the new vice-chancellor, Peter Karmel, that Registrar George Dicker is using public money to distribute material prepared by five candidates for election as student members of the ANU Council while knocking back material submitted by two others.

National Secretary of the Deadly Serious Party, Mr Ian Rout, said that the University invited all candidates to submit photographs, short biographical notes and policy statements for distribution to voters in the postal ballot, to be conducted from August 13 to September 16. Mr Dicker refused to accept the biographical notes of DSP candidates Alan Bennett and Peter Antcliff.

Mr Dicker has never refused to publish candidates' material before, except when he considered it defamatory or offensive. According to Mr Rout, "Mr Dicker would only say that our notes were 'inappropriate', whatever that means."

"Mr Dicker said our notes were not biographical, in the sense of relating to facts in the lives of the candidates," Mr Bennett said. "So we amended them to start 'We were once told that these are not biographical notes', etc. I think 'inappropriate' means 'prepared by people cleverer than the Registrar.'"

Mr Rohan Greenland, the Party's National Convenor, said that an assistant of the Registrar had twice

threatened that the University would extract information from personal files and use them if Mr Antcliff and Mr Bennett did not put in acceptable notes and had even prepared such notes.

"We couldn't get it through his skull that it would be illegal," Mr Greenland said. He added that "this election is being run like one in a banana republic and the Registrar's ballboy plays a very convincing orangutan."

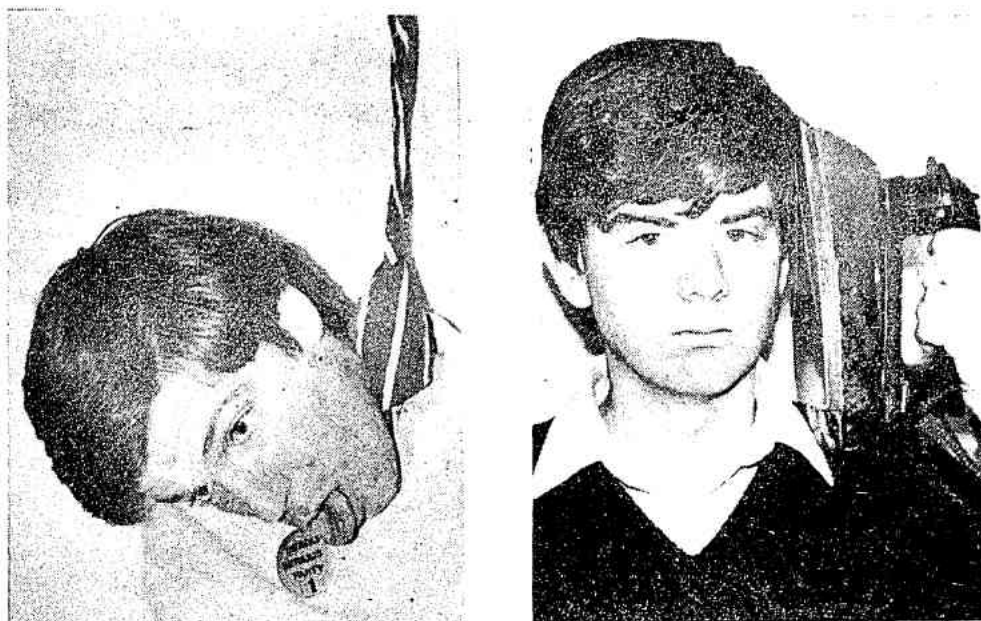
Mr Antcliff said he was not confident that the Vice-Chancellor would step in to ensure a fair election. He believed that Mr Rout and Mr Greenland would receive, in November, a short note stating that Mr Dicker had worked for the ANU for 80 years and Professor Karmel had complete confidence in him. "In which case," promised Mr Antcliff, "he won't sing 'The Elephant Song' in such a deep voice next time."

"I'm not aware of threats against Mr Dicker, or at least not many," Mr Rout said. "I believe someone rang the Chancery and said they would leave a dead carp on his desk, but the tea-lady does that twice a day."

He said that voters interested in maintaining democracy and reducing the number of silly people on Council should vote (1) Antcliff, (2) Bennett and write "No Dickers" in the top right-hand corner of their ballot papers.

A Woroni editor attempted to visit both Mr Dicker and his assistant last Wednesday morning, but was told both were out.

BELOW: Deadly Serious Party candidates Peter Antcliff (left) and Alan Bennett, and the biographical notes censored by officials of the University.



Peter Antcliff was once told by an ANU bureaucrat that the following do not constitute biographical notes: "Peter (pictured here at Picnic Rock) is the Deadly Serious Party's Number 1 candidate because we believe he has the necessary dedication and toughness for the job. He hates his mother, was disqualified from the 1982 ANU Frog Swallowing Championships for chewing, pushes old ladies in front of buses and gives false evidence to Royal Commissions. Peter is a latent heterosexual."

Alan Bennett was once told by an ANU bureaucrat that the following do not constitute biographical notes: "Alan, the Iron Man of ANU politics, has always wanted to be a member of the ANU Council (or a pilot). His heroes are Wilbur Wright, Errol Flynn and Ian Rout. Alan is the Number 2 Deadly Serious Party candidate, and if Fred Nile can win elections we don't see why Alan can't. He is pictured here on the DSP hot line."

## Yes! Yes! Yes!

Members of the Students' Association have voted "Yes" to all three questions on the referendum conducted over the past fortnight, thus confirming ANU's membership of the Australian Union of Students and paving the way for the re-establishment of an SRC.

When counting finished on Friday night, the "Yes" vote on question one (membership of AUS) had a majority of 200 votes with 766 students voting to remain as against 567 voting to secede. The majority for the SRC was narrow, with 696 voting for it and 631 voting against.

The massive majority for "Yes" on question two — 1042 v 259 — means that in future any move to take ANU out of AUS must be made through another referendum rather than through SA general

meetings or the SRC.

The mixed result, victory for the Left on AUS and for the Liberals on the SRC — left few people celebrating on Friday, although general opinion had it that the AUS result was the more significant of the two main issues. John Buchanan, a leading AUS protagonist described the vote as "the best result AUS has had for years." On the other side of the political fence, Garry Humphries, the SA Administrator, said he was "disappointed" with the AUS poll but felt that the whole structure of student affairs would be changing as a result and of the SRC decision.

Indeed focus will now be shifting away from AUS membership — surely a dead issue for some time to come — and towards the drawing up of

a new constitution to usher in the SRC. The expectation is that a committee will be called together to begin drafting the new arrangements.

One problem, however, is that the referendum result is not binding on the Students' Association. Some fears were being expressed late last week that the Left-dominated SA general meetings may yet reject the notion of an SRC, or at least hold it up sufficiently long to delay its inception before 1984.

Certainly, some elements of the Left still oppose the SRC and are encouraged by the relative narrowness of the SRC membership — surely a dead issue for some time to come — and towards the drawing up of

## ANU AWARDS J. G. CRAWFORD PRIZES

The Australian National University has awarded its highest honour, the J. G. Crawford Prize to three graduates, an Australian, an American and a Sri Lankan for outstanding research at ANU.

The winners for doctoral degrees are: Major Dr David Horner, 34 of the Department of Defence, Canberra, whose thesis was on 'Australia and Allied strategy in the Pacific, 1941-46' and Dr Paul Sanberg, 27, a research fellow in neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, Baltimore, whose doctoral research in Behavioural Biology was on 'The basal ganglion: a

mammalian and avian perspective'.

The prize for a masters degree was awarded to Mr Sinniah Mahendrarajah for research on 'Water resource optimisation in small dams in the dry zone of Sri Lanka'.

Mr Mahendrarajah is now working towards a doctoral degree in Economics, in the Research School of Pacific Studies, at ANU.

Dr Horner is the author of four books on Australian defence, two of them written in co-operation with Dr Robert O'Neill, former Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU.

Major Horner can be con-

tacted at the Department of Defence on 653986, or at home on 581539.

Dr Sanberg is a graduate of York University, Toronto and the University of British Columbia.

Mr Mahendrarajah, a graduate of the University of Ceylon, at Peradeniya, formerly worked with the Sri Lankan Department of Agriculture. He can be contacted on 493380.

The J. G. Crawford Prize honours the Chancellor, Sir John Crawford. The prizes — silver medals — will be presented at the University's next graduation ceremony in October.

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Rigby Writes THE MAD HATTER STRIKES

Gambit A CARTOON SERIES BY BOLLINGER & PREISS

# EDITORIAL



One wonders whether the politicians at the ANU have finally managed to plumb the depths of student apathy. With the completion of one referendum, and the quietly heaved sighs of relief over that, we are plunged into another round of infighting, teeth kicking and general "you fascist pig" vs "long haired blinkered commie anti-realist" as the struggle for power (in a far more "real" sense than in the SA) wages up and down the debt ridden corridors of the Union but have no fear, this will be over in time for each of you to return to your holiday abodes for a rest and a good long think about who you are going to vote for in the up-coming University Council elections, which will be waiting for you like a thirsty mosquito upon your return. And don't forget.....SRC elections just over a month after that..... Oh for democracy! Actually, however, the ANU has resurrected its very own Drama Group, "C.A.D.S" (Campus Amateur Dramatic Society) to keep alive the thespian tradition in the University (yes, there are actors outside student politics). This year the production is Hedda Gabler, translated by the the original Angry Young Man, John Osborne. A tighter, punchier script than Ibsen's original under the tender ministrations of the CADS directorial team promises an at least interesting evening out, so give your voting finger a rest and support a University Group.

On a sadder note, just over two weeks ago, Roger Crompton a first year forestry student and a friend were motor-cycling to the Coombs Lecture Theatre to enjoy a Film Group presentation there. On the way, near the forestry car park, an accident involving them and a car cost Roger Crompton his life. We on the Woroni editorial staff offer our sincere condolences to both his family and friends and hope our readers will join us.

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BEAKS 4-7

What's more profitable, Bart?

Down-wing or cross-magpie skiing?

It depends on whether you're a National Park, Sal.

The Chimp's a bit broke at the moment.

His front organisation went bust ...

... because the Annual General Meeting didn't have a quorum.

He'd forgotten to turn up.

He missed out on last Friday's raffle.

Someone forged the winning ticket...

... faster than he could.

He's still the Constitution Review Committee.

Which Constitution?

Any that he can lay his hands on.

Oh, well. That and his libel action should keep him busy.

Libel action?

We do keep talking about him, don't we?

## 7th National Political Economy Conference 'Depression Repression Struggle'

**AUG. 20-22**  
**MEREWETHER BUILDING**  
**UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**

The Australian Political Economy Movement has organised a National Conference in the context of the present economic crisis with the ascent of political and ideological conservatism.

Over 50 speakers have been invited from many social and political groups actively involved in resisting and challenging the particular consequences of economic crisis and rising conservatism. The struggles are many and varied as are the effects which differ depending on one's gender, race, sexuality, class, age, where one lives and one's mental and physical differences.

Activists will be presenting papers in the following areas:

Struggles over State Policy	Aboriginal Struggles
Struggles in the Work Place —	Education
The Private Sector	Migrants
The Public Sector	Peace Movement
Struggles by People outside the Workforce —	Information Control
Aged	Consumers' Struggles
Youth	Housing
Mentally and Physically Disabled	Environment
Unemployment —	Access to Media Struggles
Struggles of the Unemployed	Struggles Over the State
Campaigns to Create Employment	

Sessions will be 1½ hours long with 3 speakers for 45 minutes in total and 45 minutes discussion from the floor.

REGISTRATION: \$5 (conc.), \$15 wage earners.

CHILDCARE: Provided free

ACCOMMODATION: Billeting if requested

FURTHER INFO: Phone (02) 6923062 or (02) 5163280 a.h., or write to:

A.P.E.M., Box 76, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney, 2006.

## Identity workshop

Do you ever want to know who you are?

Problems of identity arise not only in early adulthood, but before and during important life events. Leaving home, marriage or divorce, the birth of a child, the loss of a loved person or of one's job can all precipitate these feelings of uncertainty. One's ability to concentrate and study, as well as overall mood and personal relationships can then be profoundly affected.

The Counselling Centre's first Identity Workshop will provide opportunities for self-discovery. It will enable participants to develop more certainty about their roles and directions in life and assist them in the making of choices.

Leaders will be Geoff Mortimore and Leila Bailey. Dates Tuesday, August 31 and Wednesday, September 1, 9.30am to 4.30pm. Registration fee \$2. Morning and afternoon tea provided. To register, call at the Counselling Centre above the University Health Centre or ring Jill Hardy on 2442.

## AIESEC General Meeting THE 11th OF AUGUST

at 7.00pm

Venue to be publicised on Economics  
Department notice boards

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS What's On!

- MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 6.30pm: "Marxism and the Family". Union Board Room, ANU.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 6.30pm: "The Falklands War". Union Board Room, ANU.
- I.S. BOOKSTALL every Wednesday, 12-2pm, Rectory Foyer.

## CAREERS SEMINARS ALL WELCOME

Interested students of any year are invited to attend informal group discussion on any of the following careers and postgraduate training courses:

- (a) TEACHING AND TEACHER TRAINING — Monday, August 16.
- (b) LIBRARIANSHIP AND ARCHIVES WORK — Tuesday, August 17.
- (c) SOCIAL WORK AND COUNSELLING AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS — Wednesday, August 18.
- (d) PLANNING, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT — Monday, September 13.
- (e) SECRETARIAL STUDIES AND COURT-PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING — Tuesday, September 14.
- (f) ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND CAREERS — Wednesday, September 15.
- (g) COMPUTER STUDIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCES — Thursday, September 16.
- (h) CAREERS IN MEDIA — Monday, September 20.
- (i) MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERY WORK — Tuesday, September 21.
- (j) SELF EMPLOYMENT AND "ALTERNATIVE" CAREERS — Wednesday, September 22.

ENQUIRIES: CAREERS AND APPOINTMENTS SERVICE,  
CHANCELRY ANNEX. PHONE EXTENSION 3593

Read the paper?  
Like it?  
Hate it?  
Used it for toilet paper?



All the above nonsense is designed to draw your attention to the wonderful opportunity that exists for you, yes you Ms Brown, to work with a go-ahead student newspaper. Further information call at the SA Office upstairs in the Union.

The Newspaper of the ANU Students' Association



## ECONOMICS FOR ALL!

Dear Editors,

Recently overheard in the library one economics student said to another that they were not important enough to be informed about the next Economics Society meeting.

What elitist trash! Just because a few people were nominated to be on the Economic Committee it does not make them superior or more important members at a meeting. If anything, the students were elected on a platform to serve the economics students, not to thwart any active participation.

This attitude will only ensure the premature death of the Economics Society, a society which has the potential to become a persuasive influence on the student body.

The Society has access to funds which could be utilised towards providing functions (such as barbecues, film nights, cheese and wine, guest speakers, etc.) on a more regular basis. Yet, what has happened lately?

Without enough interested students nothing can happen.

Come to the next film night/society get-together around August 10 — look out for notices — and there is another inebriated chicken extravaganza on August 20.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all Economics students to these and future events. See you there.

Elizabeth Smudzki  
Secretary of the  
Economics Society

### ANDERSON: AN ITTY-BITTY KITTY CAT

Dear Woroni Editors,

On this matter of Kerry Corke claiming to have been threatened (front page of last issue): I'm very annoyed that you've continued your campaign of selective distortion and misrepresentation.

## LETTERS

The note handed to Kerry "People's Friend" Corke did not just say "Consider your teeth kicked in," it did not warn him about anything. In fact, in full, the note was as within these brackets: (semiotic action: "consider your teeth kicked in").

A semiotic action is one at the level of signs, a purely symbolic action, rather than a physical action. The note did not say "I'm going to kick your teeth in," which would have been horribly nasty. The "message," distanced already from itself by quotation marks, was not intended to suggest actual harm to Kerry. I'm sorry if he felt threatened, or afraid, instead of just despised. I'm surprised if he really thought I'd stoop to violence. Everyone knows I'm as cuddly and gentle as an itty-bitty kitty-cat.

In fact since that night I've realised that note was a silly thing to do, given that even though it wasn't physically violent, it did have connotations of violence: I wouldn't want it to be thought that I didn't recognise Kerry "Marvellous Freedom" Corke's right to exist.

It was just the excitement and horror of Kerry's vicious 3/4 hr tirade against our glorious chairperson, harassing and defaming her in her worthy efforts to fulfil her demanding responsibilities, in the conduct of the Union and the satisfaction of human needs thereby.

I only wanted to express my powerful sense of disgust at the loathsomeness of the outrageously monetarist (anti-human pro-money) politics practised by Kerry and the financiers' fellow-travellers of the so-called Reform/Democrat alliance ("all hail the mighty dollar!").

A Known Leftist  
(Alex Anderson, actually)

### WORONI ATTACKED, AGAIN

The Editors  
"Woroni"

Dear Comrades,

Your cover page story headed "Union votes Confidence in Chair" (Vol. 34, No. 7) contains a number of inaccuracies upon which I feel compelled to comment.

The first is the report that I stated of the margin by which the no confidence motion was lost "It was quite substantial". I have never used those words in relation to the vote in question: my statements were of the line "I was surprised at the margin" (i.e., it was larger than I expected). One would suppose that persons who had sought, and pupport to occupy, the positions of editors of Woroni would be aware of the import of quotation marks and would be more careful in their use.

The second is in the quotation from Mr Corke's "complaints" that the Chair (Katrina Edwards) has "censored" minutes. On questioning Mr Corke, I find that this complaint refers to the practice of the Chair and Executive Officer reading, and correcting where necessary, the draft minutes which the minute secretary produces from Board meetings. As a former Chair, I am quite well aware of the need for this procedure, as the draft often contains large blanks, and comments (and indeed motions) which are quite contrary to that intended (the fault is not always the minute secretary's, as she must cope with a great deal of noise and some of the most convoluted expression it has been my misfortune to hear).

Further, I should point out that this procedure was adopted by Mr De Totth

(then Executive Officer) when the Union opened in 1963. Mr Corke's allegation is therefore against every Executive Officer and every Chair since 1963! (It is noteworthy that Mr Corke only complains about Ms Edwards' "censoring" of minutes, and makes no mention that Mr Senti engages in exactly the same practice).

If the "Reform/Democrat" ticket feel so strongly about this issue, they are quite at liberty to move, at Board level, that the draft minutes, blanks and all, are presented to the Board. The Board, after all, is responsible for accepting the minutes as "a true and accurate record." Given the professed attitude of the "Reform/Democrat" ticket to "interfering in normal office procedures", this could produce a very interesting situation.

Finally, Mr Corke questions whether Ms Edwards "works her full complement of 35 hours". I was known for sitting in my office for 50-60 hours per week, yet I am confident that Ms Edwards executes her responsibilities to the Board and members in an equally efficient manner as myself. If Katrina is capable of organising her office hours more efficiently than I was, good luck to her.

Ms Edwards attempted to reply to Mr Corke's previous charges against her in a letter to the Editor (Vol. 34, No. 7). Given the Editors' censoring of her letter (against the stated policy of the Editors), and the general attitude of Woroni to Union matters (i.e., the Corke/King line) one wonders with what confidence can candidates in the coming Union elections, who may be opposed to Messrs. Corke, King and their "colleagues", submit their election statements and expect such not to be censored.

I. Nolan

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

In reply to Mr Nolan's assertion that he was misquoted in the last edition of Woroni, I wish to make it clear that whilst I am prepared to accept the justified criticism levelled at Woroni in relation to the quality of the proof-reading, I do not accept the allegation that Mr Nolan was misquoted.

In the course of following up the the Union Board story I spoke to several people and being fully aware that a reporters life is fraught with danger — principally the threat of financial ruin, heralded by the cry "I'll sue you for defamation" — I took great care to ensure that my report was accurate.

I can only sympathise with Mr Nolan who apparently suffers from selective amnesia.

Regarding the alleged censoring of Ms Edwards' "letter", no such censorship occurred. Ms Edwards provided Woroni with a "statement". Not all of the statement was reproduced. Similarly, only sections of the interviews conducted with Board members, Corke and King, and Executive Officer Tony Senti were quoted.

I hasten to assure Mr Nolan that this is standard practice in news reporting. Very few politicians manage to have press statements reproduced verbatim by the media, no matter how enlightening they (the politicians) may consider them to be.

— Karen Gibson

### JACKSON-WOMBAT

The Editors,  
Woroni,  
c/o S.A. Office.

Dear Editors,

We, the below-named HAREA members, employed by the ANU Union, wish to thank all those Board members who supported our claim for an over-award payment backdated to January 4, 1982. The Board resolved on July 28 that such payment be granted.

It is a pity that the Muddled Headed Wombat (alias Malcolm Jackson) saw fit to write a letter of "clarification" in your last issue without getting his facts right first. Such comments do nothing to improve staff/Board relations.

Yours, etc.,

Beryl North  
Jill Wetherly  
Linda Rock  
Valeria Tot  
Sandor Pall  
Elizabeth Strickland  
Lola Fletcher



# Liberals on the Union Board — What Makes Them Tick ?

By  
MATTHEW STOREY

After deciding to write this article\* I gave Kerry Corke a friendly poke in the ribs in order to try and substitute my initial suspicions that the Liberals on the Union Board operated on a similar principle to the clockwork dolls that you can win at sideshows. The sort that you wind up and they raise their little hands in the air and cry "feed me."

Of course I didn't think Kerry was exactly the same — there is no need for him to cry "feed me" as he appears quite capable of doing that himself. No, I thought, at first, that one wound a Liberal up and they slammed their cute little fist on a table and cried (in an imitation Milton Friedman voice) "it's an outrage."

The result of this experiment, I'm sorry to say, was disappointing. I failed to find any mainspring or keyhole. I therefore concluded one of two things had to be true: either I hadn't poked Kerry hard enough or (shock, horror), he and the rest of the Liberals actually possessed a hint of intelligence.

Stunned, I was still faced with the problem of discovering what makes the Liberals on the Union Board tick, why do they do the stupid things they do? I have decided that they actually act upon a philosophy, a rather mean and nasty one with lots of holes in it, but a philosophy all the same.

As the Board elections are coming up, I have decided to relate this philosophy to you, the reader, just so you know what you're getting yourself in for if you vote for a Liberal. (For those that don't know the Liberals on this campus call themselves Reformers at election time and there is another type called Democrats who are exactly the same, apart from the name).

In discovering the philosophy behind the Liberals on the Board it is necessary to look at the things they promised to do last elections and what they actually have attempted to do on the board so far.

As to what they promised to do at the last elections there were three main themes in the Liberals' campaign: "depoliticise" the Union Board, let the paid management manage, and get rid of the debt the Union had because of a loan for capital improvements that had been taken out previously.

These three themes shed a lot of light as to how the Liberals perceive the Union they shall be looked more closely later on.

Their actions, while actually on the board, are even more illuminating, especially in relation to the Union budget. Some of the proposals the Liberals put forward in that never-ending search for a surplus budget were: raise the refectory prices, sack the games rooms attendant (i.e., Fred), institute a "deposit" on glasses at the bar and to make the Chair a part-time position.

These attempts were followed later in the year by others in which the Liberals attempted to sack the present Chair and to not grant a pay rise to staff which all other workers in the ACT and NSW had already been granted (by the way prices in the Union had been raised in about February to cover the wage increase that was granted in late May).

The promises and actions of the Liberals point to two major tenants of their philosophy. Firstly a belief that the members of the Union and their elected representatives are not capable of managing their own affairs and that such tasks are best left up to highly paid "experts" and, secondly, an overwhelming desire for profits even if these are at the expense of services to members or employees of the Union.

The basis for the first statement is the election promise of the Liberals to "let the management manage," and the attempts to make the elected Chair part-time.

The Union at the minute employs an executive officer to manage the "day to day running of the Union." The Union Board is meant to devise policy long and short term and the elected Chair and executive committee are meant to supervise the implementation of their policy and handle any problems that arise in between the monthly Board meetings.

In pressing for a part-time Chair the Liberals are trying to remove or make ineffective the elected officer who ensures that the paid management actually carries out Board policy.\* The Liberal cry of "More Power to the Management" means "Less Power to the Members."

As to the second major tenant of Liberal philosophy, the desperate search for profits. It would appear that the Liberals, having got elected to the

Board now see their role as one Directors of BHP and not Board members of the University Union.

The difference the Liberals fail to see is that the role of BHP is (theoretically) to return dividends to shareholders and do whatever is necessary to do it, i.e., charge as much as possible for the goods and services provided while paying as little as possible to the workers who produce them.

The Union, however, is not BHP and its role is different. It aims to provide as many services as possible (refectory, bar, activities, etc.) as cheaply as possible. This aim is not served by increasing prices, reducing staff (who actually provide the services), or creating bad industrial relations which decrease production (e.g., strikes, go-slows, etc.).

The Liberals, as I said, fail to see this; they still desire profits but lacking any shareholders to pay dividends to they propose instead to carry out expensive renovations (perhaps to mimic the Liberal dominated Canberra Club).

These renovations do not increase the services provided at all but they do increase the cost to members of obtaining the services already provided.

The basic aim of the Liberals would appear to be "Profits, not People."

One final comment on Liberal philosophy: the election promise to "de-

politicise" the Board. To most members the Board, as a place that decides on the running of the Union, would not need to make many political decisions.

In the past this has been largely true. However, since five Liberals took office in November last year the Board has degenerated more and more frequently to petty-bureaucratic mud slinging. (The Liberal attempt to sack the Chair is evidence of this).

From this it would seem reasonable to assume that the promise to depoliticise the Board is tied to the "More Power to the Management" idea.

That is if one leaves all decision making to paid management then there is no chance for anyone to be political (not much need for elections either).

In closing, I should add that perhaps I'm wrong. If I had poked Kerry Corke in the ribs a little harder I might have found the main-spring and key-hole.

\* I decided to conduct a small experiment to find out why the Liberals do the things they do.

\*\* It is perhaps in order here to point out that Liberal member of the Board, Chris Bolden, so actively supports "letting the management manage" that he has attended on 10 out of 25 executive committee meetings, no doubt to enable the management to "get down to the job" and stop elected representatives "interfering" in the "efficient" running of the Union.

## Equal Representation: A Right!

There are many student politicians — both Left and Right — who run on a platform of representing the interests and needs of part-time mature students.

Although I recognise this as a valid platform I do not accept that these same students can be effective in fulfilling these electoral promises.

Efforts to achieve equitable representation of this large proportion of the student body must involve two separate areas.

- (1) to encourage part-time mature students to become politically active;
- (2) to redress the electoral practices in order to allow for more participation in voting for this group.

At the present time Student Association elections are discriminatory in that part-time mature students do not have full availability of

polling stations in order to cast their votes. The Returning Officer allowed every hall and college to have the ballot box for an hour; yet there were only nine hours spent in the Union Building.

With 1700 students living in the halls and colleges and 3000 students who live off campus (a large percentage of whom would be part-time mature students) it is obvious that it was very difficult for certain sections of the student population to be around when ballot boxes were actually available.

If all students are to have equal access to voting and therefore an increased chance of equal representation, a return to postal voting would help to redress the not inconsiderable imbalance.

Many issues of concern to PAMS are raised at both the Students' Association meetings and Union Board meetings.

Our interests can only be presented if PAMS people become involved.

This means that not only should these students stand for election to the various student organisations but they should also make every effort to vote.

At the moment PAMS has representation on the Library Committee, the Timetabling Committee and the Union Board. The interests of all students are represented by these PAMS students but they can also point out the special problems and areas of concern specific to part time mature students.

Part time mature students must exercise their rights to representation and participate in all areas of student activity.

Bronwyn Ogborn  
Co-ordinator — Part Time  
Mature Students' Association



## SHELL AUSTRALIA POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

### Arts & Science/Engineering

Two Shell Post-Graduate Scholarships providing for fees and living costs plus cost of travel, are offered to provide post-graduate study at a university in the United Kingdom.

The Shell Post-Graduate Arts Scholarship is open to honours graduates of an Australian university in arts, commerce, economics and law. The Shell Post-Graduate Scholarship in Science or Engineering is open to honours graduates in science or engineering.

Applications for scholarships, which are normally tenable from October 1983 close on September 24, 1982. Prospectus and application form may be obtained from the Registrar of the University or from the Personnel Manager of The Shell Company of Australia Limited.

A political comment by Colin Rigby on the recent complex manoeuvring at the AUS SRC referendum.

Christ! You take two weeks well earned rest and all of a sudden the Far Left Bank and The Tory Party take the opportunity to redecorate the campus in all sorts of bright, colourful posters.

Then my copy of Moron I arrives. More shock. Crosseyes believes someone wants to rearrange his stomach. The Fraulein Fuhrer of the Imperial Union Board wants Chris "Cock" Muncher, a self styled Deformist, to undergo a wire jaw operation along with a writ of Permanent Constraint, from Union Board meetings.

The Leader of the Thousand Year Quorumless SA, Gazza Humperdink, is hiding somewhere in the New Parliament House construction site and won't come out until the bicentennial.

Certainly this is very heady stuff — and for a moment I considered that another raid by the boys in blue had waylaid the fixes required to keep our leaders sane and intelligible. Indeed, as I scraped yet another "Plain Propaganda" from my Garran Hall door I realised that Bush Week had not arrived early but a bloody referendum was being publicised in a manner reminiscent of Nuns marketing themselves as sound marriage investment propositions.

And let's cut the slimy drivel. This new political scene is bringing all the cockroaches out of the woodwork. This isn't just any paper and pencil questionnaire to decide what colour to paint the Union toilets. No way. It's a ball destroyer which is going to decide which group is the political heavy-weight on campus.

To date the Left have finally got their political act together by forcibly inducing their more radical elements to take sedatives and in spending the recent holidays to arrange a defence strategy to save AUS from the likes of people who advocate non-compulsory unionism yet in the same breath talk sanely about the benefits of compulsory military service.

In comparison, the Tories have shown very little creative imagination — and the man who headlined their case with a quote from Brian Harradine ought to be taken somewhere and quietly strangled.

Jesus! Harradine is about as straight as the guy who calls the Pope a Jew. Remember, Harradine represents that lunatic fringe which believes long hair contributes to VD and yellow teeth is a sure sign of perverse sexual practices.

But if this sounds impressive, the action so far has all the quality of a chapter from a Mills & Boon best-seller. Take the recent gathering of concerned students in the Union Court. The speakers seemed to think that it

# THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY



"I suppose the dormouse in the tea-pot was some form of pro-A.U.S. propaganda."

## Colin Rigby

was either an excuse to unload some dirty jokes on the students' desire to actually "question" staying with AUS or a chance to show off their new blue stockings. But such was the importance of the occasion, a Fed Big Gun was rolled out. Susie, "just call me Comrade" Ryan took to her task with relish. Broadside after broadside breached our eardrums to warn us that if we pull out of AUS we might as well forget about raising families and turn ourselves over to the Japanese now without a fight.

It was all very inspiring stuff — especially if you hate listening to John Buchannan, Mister Socialist of 1932, explain how much he hates addressing

people and then bursts forth with a veritable flood of dialectic masses, thingymajig that has us all wondering what he eats for breakfast every day.

Yet this was not the big surprise for the day. A new offensive weapon was unleashed. Obviously kept at bay until aspros could no longer knock her out we met Ms Jumbo Connors, leader of the Public Mumbling Committee. She introduced us to a new form of English.

First there was Newspeak, then Haig Speak and now ... No Speak.

Guaranteed to strain our ears, Jumbo's comments were all we could wish for and they amounted to the same

thing — nothing. Public performances are definitely not her scene.

For, whilst addressing the public through the microphone, her face expressed all the distastes of holding a cold, slippery fish in her hands.

But as one Left Bank supporter confidentially told me, they used Jumbo because she is "a slow brained, loveable cripple, and people are very dim. They identify with her."

But enough of the Left — what about the bloody Right? From the outset it appears the Right have been lacking leadership on the issue. Which is understandable. As witnessed by the front cover of the last Woroni, moves are afoot to oust Humperdink as Administrator of the SA.

But according to my sources he may have already sketched out a last ditch battle plan. This Final Solution has an almost Hitleresque logic. So awful that I have trouble writing about it.

Even now, I suspect, he spends the last few hours of daylight each day keeping it constantly up to date. It goes something like this:

- (i) If a no vote on AUS and a pro for an SRC he will inform the Cops where huge caches of drugs are kept in the Union.
- (ii) During the ensuing pandemonium he will suspend the constitution and introduce conscription forces to fight maggots on campus.
- (iii) Finally, an alliance will be forged with the Frauline Fuhrer of the Imperial Union Board and together they will fight off votes of no confidence.

These are merely highlights of the Final Solution. No doubt there are other uglier aspects but my contact has since disappeared. He was last seen being stuffed into a SA ball box, by a curious cross-eyed figure who was babbling, "So they want to kick my teeth in, do they? Well, I've fixed this bastard! Now for the rest!"

Certainly the smell of death is in the air. But will it be Gary's? Whatever happens to Gazza Humperdink when the Red Breasts finally rip down his door seems beside the point. He has been in his bunker too long to have to have much touch with reality.

Which is why any support he offers for anything is likely to be its death-knell. Which means, thank God, that we won't gain an SRC.

To me this "representative council" is just another attempt by the 1% who readily attend SA meetings to get themselves firmly entrenched as the permanent representatives of the students. And we all know how firmly deluded this 1% is already. Notwithstanding the faults of the SA as it stands — we need an SRC like ... a moose needs a hat-rack

Either way the results should have some very interesting consequences indeed.

Humbly dedicated to the present Editors of "Woroni"

## MINDLESS

(To the tune of 'HELPLESS' — with unlimited apologies to Neil Young)  
(Slow, ¾ beat)

- (1) We are the Young Liberals  
And daddy's into minerals  
All my life's been in the better suburbs  
Don't remember any financial troubles  
Came to uni to get an economics degree  
But I can't keep my mind off accountancy  
(you see I'm)

### CHORUS

MINDLESS, MINDLESS, MIND-LESS  
Let's keep politics out of people's heads  
Just make sure there's no reds under my bed  
And I'll sleep with Mal's picture over my head.

- (2) Responsible management of the economy  
Means bringing workers to their knees  
Someone called me blind with greed  
But that Jag's something I really need  
Unemployment I couldn't care less  
Because I'll work for Nestle's in Bangladesh  
(you see I'm) CHORUS ...

- (3) We are all in the Bruce Hall set  
Because we're the only ones who can afford it  
Although the union bar is normally far too grotty  
We're there at elections to show that WE'RE  
REAL MATEY  
At SA meetings we protect you from  
ACTIVISTS  
Working with MAL to keep education elitist  
(you see I'm)

### CHORUS ...

MINDLESS, MINDLESS, MIND-LESS  
—Graeme Regan

To the tune of "Wouldn't It Be Lovely"

## SPINELESS

All he needs is a pie somewhere  
Way up high in the stratosphere  
A long, long way away from here

Oh, wouldn't it be lovely!  
Tonnes of healthy organic quiche  
All his ideals in easy reach  
Undraped nudes on a sun-drenched beach  
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely!  
Oh how lovely sitting abser-blooming-lutely pat  
Pity reality is not quite as easy to get as that!

Gee his criticism really bites  
We admire the way he fights  
For causes about which he never writes  
Oh isn't he just pitiful, pitiful, pitiful.

—CHRIS STAMFORD



# UNION BOARD

# REFORM

## The reason for being

By  
KERRY CORKE

Once upon a time, not all that long ago, the University Union Board of Management was run by people who had great concern for the well-being of the Union — without any great concern for self-seeking politics.

However around 1980 this changed.

Some of the personnel on the Union Board did not consider that the Union should exist merely to provide entertainment and dining services. Rather, they saw the institution as a vehicle to advertise their political beliefs.

Thus, the Union saw the banning of Playboy and Penthouse, etc. (too sexist), of Rothmans (oppressing blacks in South Africa) and the list goes on. On the more humorous side, it is said that one Board meeting discussed at length what should be the symbol to differentiate between male/female toilets. It was ultimately decided that Greek symbols would be used. After all, you can't use the term "women" — that's sexist!

In 1981, "Left Action" continued the slide towards politicisation: they ran "a ticket" to further their political dominance. During the '81 term, it became apparent that the members of the Board now became involved not with first setting the general policy for the Union, and allowing management to execute the policy. Rather, they became involved in day-to-day management.

Thus the facility that you pay \$65 pa (\$90 for first year) through your General Service fee, paid at the beginning of the year, is being used by student politicians to conduct socio/economic experiments, thus we have now "break-even budgets."

Given this, the Reformists and Democrats stood separately in an endeavour to make the Union more responsive to the members. Forced to act together due to the "caucusing" of the Left, the R/D alliance has had some success. For instance, censorship of magazines has been eliminated.

The economic policies of the Left Action remain — the policies that have brought the Union near to ruin.

Thus, Reformists and Democrats go to you, the people, so that you may gain a Union that is responsible to your needs.

## What the hell is going on here?

Why is your Union on the edge of bankruptcy? How come the \$350,000 you pay each year is "eaten up" by the Union without giving you any noticeable return? What has happened to the much vaunted Union Bar upgrading? Why are you stopped from buying Nestles and Rothmans products in your Union shop?

The answer to these, and many more probing questions about your Union is simple. The radical Left, who have controlled the Union for the last three years, has done a stuffed job. Your Union has been all but destroyed by political pandering, misguided mismanagement and general incredible incompetence from the extremists who pretend to run the show.

Surely, you say, the Union is not in that bad a shape? It is! Sorry to destroy your illusions, but the building by Sullies is deep in trouble. To see how far gone we are, compare ANU Union to Melbourne University Union. When Melbourne's Union had \$800,000 worth of accumulated debts, the University administration stepped in and took it over. However, when you adjust for number of students, by comparison, our Union should have gone down the drain at least two years ago.



The Union withered while the Left dithered. The predications suffered by your Union during the Great Budget debate.

That the union keeps going at all is nothing short of a miracle. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. However, the way the Left have destroyed your Union, nobody short of God himself could bring it back to full life. Even so, the Liberal-Democrat Reformists are at least willing to try! We are sick of Left incompetence and ineptitude. We think your Union should be the thriving centre of campus; not a cesspit which makes the Black Hole of Calcutta look like the Lakeside Hotel.

Over the past ten months two Democrats and three Reformists have been fighting a rearguard action, or a voting minority on the Union Board, to protect your Union from further radical Left mismanagement. In some areas, such as publications and Bush Week, we have been successful.

However, in other areas, our lack of numbers has enabled the extremists to steam-roll good sense and push your Union deeper into trouble. These have, unfortunately, been in the extremely important areas of finance, industrial relations, capital improvements and services provided to you, the student.

Thus, we have a situation where, because of politics, you are prevented from buying certain products in your Union shop. (Hitler would have been proud of such censorship and abuse of your rights). Also, it's only due to incredible staff tolerance and the continual fighting of blatant stupidity by the Reform-Democrat Alliance, that your Union has been saved from crippling strikes over the past few months.

Also, because of Leftist short-sightedness, the Union bar still looks like a railway station; the bridge is a mess; the meeting room (what you did not know we had a meeting room), is unable to be used for most meetings; and the music room is simply empty. Not only are present facilities falling to ruin, but massive areas of the Union are grossly under-utilised. Also, your Union is going broke, due to the inability of some of the radical Left to understand that one plus one equal two, not eleven (see finance article). To misquote Gough Whitlam, may well we say "God Save the Queen" because the way the radicals are running it, nothing will save the Union.

If you have read the rest of this spread, you will realise even more fully the Union's problems and what the LDR's (Lib-Dem-Reformists) wish to do about it. However, most of our reforms can be summarised in one short statement, "management not politics".

A major reason why the Left have stuffed the Union is that they cannot separate political ideologies and managerial realities. Hence, we have the situation where a small surplus budget is opposed because of political intransigence. In other words, the radical Left opposed it, despite the mountain of arguments in favor of it, because they think surplus is a nasty word. The extremists may think that this is a good enough reason to send the Union broke, but personally, I disagree.

Similarly, the Left opposed capital renovations and long-term planning because "we are elected by the students of today, not tomorrow." It is because of this sort of political stupidity by post Union Boards, that your Union is in the disastrous situation it is in today. If such planning had occurred in the late seventies, we, the students of the early 1980s, would have the Union we deserve, not the broken down wreck by Sullies. (As one Union member said to me, if you had a dog in the same condition as the Union, you would put it out of its misery).

It is no longer just "time for a change." That time was three years ago. Now, with your Union on the brink of oblivion, is the time for action. The Left have stuffed things up. It's now time for sensible students to repair our Union.

—Stephen King

# GOING BROKE AT \$350,000 PER YEAR

(Financial mismanagement in the Union)

By  
**STEPHEN KING**

At the beginning of 1982, the ANU Union was in pretty bad shape financially. It had made a small profit in 1981, which may sound good except for a couple of reasons:

(1) Only the shop saved the Union from financial disaster in 1981. Due to booming sales and good work by the manageress, and all staff involved, the shop made about \$30,000 above budget estimates. In other words, if the shop had only gone as planned, 1981 would have seen the Union lumbered with another \$20,000 loss. This would be added to a \$250,000 debt and a \$50,000 members deficit. To put it simply, if not for the extraordinary results in the shop, the Union would have sunk further into debt last year.

(2) The Union made its small profit AFTER spending the \$350,000 gift taken off you in the form of the general services fee. In other words, if you deduct the money you are forced to give the Union (whether you are a member or not) the building by Sullies would have LOST more than \$300,000 last year.

(3) The Union had practically no money in reserve for capital improvements. At present, upgrading or improving of the Union's facilities occurs at a pathetically slow pace, if at all. Knot-holes bar was renovated last year, and the Law School canteen will probably be refurbished next Christmas. However, these are only two small parts of the complex. Under the present inept financial management, led by the left on the Union board, areas such as the bar, the bridge, the meetings and music rooms, the bar extension, and the downstairs foyer, cannot be upgraded. This could be solved by sensible budgetary strategy and forward planning. Our Union is lucky to spend \$20,000 per year on capital improvements. In contrast, Monash University Union puts about \$330,000 aside each year for capital development. Even allowing for the fact that Monash is a larger campus, the ANU Union would have \$90,000 to \$100,000 per year to improve the bar, the refectory, and other areas, if we followed the same sensible policies. Further this does not mean higher prices. Rather, it means intelligent management, utilisation of resources and broadening the Union's appeal to all members. In the long run it means better facilities and cheaper prices. Simple? It should be. The question you should ask yourself is — why on earth isn't it being done?

This year looks even worse for the Union than 1981. Originally, the left on the board tried to push through a \$30,000 loss budget. This means, had everything gone

AT BEST, the Union would have still been \$30,000 further in the red at the end of this year. Such a budget "strategy" was totally ridiculous. In contrast, the Liberal-Democrat Reformists (LDR's) on the board opted for a \$10,000 surplus budget. Such a surplus, which is less than 1% of the Union's annual turnover, could then be used for paying off some of our debts, or for improving the Union's facilities. If nothing else, it would have allowed for any unforeseen contingencies, which could otherwise throw the Union to the brink of financial disaster. Typically, such a sensible proposal was opposed by the left. However, through long hard-fought debates, the reformists drew a "break even" compromise from the left.

Whilst being infinitely better than the original "let's send the Union down the drain" massive loss proposal, a break even budget is still bordering on incompetence. The reasons for this are the opposites of those arguments in favour of a surplus budget: that we have no money for upgrading the Union, the Union remains in a dismal credit position (with its present debts, the Union would be lucky if could get a bank to lend it 50 cents for less than 100% interest!) and, most importantly, it does not allow for unforeseen expenses. Typically these have occurred. Typically, the Union is now \$14,000 down for the year. Typically, the left are only now beginning to wonder what's going on. That the present incumbent left ideologues (idiots) claim to be on a board of management, is a case of gross misrepresentation. Most of them know less about financial management than I do about nuclear physics (I claim complete ignorance as to nuclear physics. However, at least I know enough about management to know that if you continually make a loss, you go broke. Some of the radical left seem unable to grasp even this simple truth.)

O.K., so 1982 seems a wipe-out financially; what does this mean to you the member. Firstly, forget about improvements to the Union facilities (bar, bridge, etc.). If you think they look shabby, underutilized and like they just escaped from West Beirut — TOUGH. The left have ruined any renovation plans for this year. Also, if you wanted more Union services and activities, such as cheap concerts by decent bands, or cheap food and wine at the Oktoberfest; hard luck. The left break even budget has broken the Union. In fact, it is only because the Liberal-Democrat Reformists got in early this year, and had a motion passed supporting (with \$500) bush week, that there will be Union support for bush week in a couple of weeks at all. (The left think bush week is socially and philosophically unsound; people enjoy themselves!). So, before you say, "why should I worry about finance at the Union", just think about what you have got for your \$65 (\$95 if you are a fresher) this year. Probably not much. Practically nothing is cheaper in the Union than it is in Civic. The "free" or "subsidised" services offered by the Union this year are negligible. The Union is literally falling to pieces and yet renovations are at an all time low. As Nero played his fiddle whilst Rome burned, so the left play politics while the Union goes broke, at \$350,000 of you money per year!

Well, so much for the past; what about the future? In a couple of weeks you will have another election, this time for the Union Board of Management. This is the group of people, some of whom have, over the past few years, taken your Union to the brink of financial ruin. The radical left on the board prefer playing politics (such as censoring Playboy, and Cleo; banning Nestles products; knifing bush week; etc.) to doing the job they were elected for; i.e. management.

So, what is the option? Last year, the Liberal-Democrat Reformists were elected to manage, not play politics. This is exactly what the LDR has done. In the board, we believe, politics should be irrelevant. It does not take a degree in politics to know how to run your Union. Rather, it needs common sense and a willingness to listen to the professional staff we employ in the Union; such as the Executive Officer, the Catering Manager and the Financial Controller; and to listen to the ideas of you, the Union user. By such action, we can get the best deal for you, the member, and can build the Union up again. This, we propose such measures as introducing a capital development reserve; the streamlining of Union facilities and management; the expansion of the Union into new areas, so as to bring in new customers and improve the services for present Union users (e.g. Sportsman bar, developing the meetings room, and so on); and, most importantly, sensible budgeting. The Union sinks or swims on its budget policy. Last year it sunk. This year it is drowning. Even so, with sensible students, acting as managers, the trend can be reversed. Next year could be the start of the rebirth of the Union. However, ultimately it is in your, the voter's hands.

## A timetable the Union — 1982

★ 1981 — AUGUST  
Three Reformists, two Democrats and five radical left students elected to the ANU Union Board.

★ NOVEMBER  
A leftist, with the voting help of the left wing students association representative, gets the chair of the board, with its "dual vote" privilege.

The Liberal Democrat Reformists move to make the chair a part-time position, one of our election promises. The ANU Union has the highest paid chair in all Australia, a ridiculous situation. However, the motion is lost; on the casting vote of the chair!

★ DECEMBER  
The first budget comes before the board. This is an extremely sensible proposal by the executive officer. It includes a small surplus to allow for debt repayment, and unforeseen contingencies, and includes a number of radical and long overdue proposals to improve the Union. The left use their numbers to reject it.

★ 1982 — JANUARY  
The left have a field day. They formulate, on an ad hoc basis, a budget for the Union. Needless to say, it allows for no forward planning, will lead to a massive loss for the Union, will not help students and is generally incompetent.

★ FEBRUARY  
The LDR's force the left to reconsider their budget. We suggest a return to intelligence and a small surplus (\$10,000 or less than 1% of Union turnover). The left find a surplus to be philosophically unsound and a compromise of a break even budget is resolved. Reformists tell left it is stupid (see July).

★ MARCH  
Liberals and Democrats object to all the Union's advertising budget being spent on 2XX. We argue that, whilst some advertising on 2XX is necessary, that it is more sensible to also advertise elsewhere. This is, however, hitting a sacred left cow. Motion lost.

★ APRIL  
Victory at last. To show that not all sense was lost, the motion by Bolden and King, to support bush week was successful. Also, the motion by Corke and Munn, to allow the sale of Playboy, Cleo and a number of other banned publications in the Union shop, was passed. However, the part trying to lift the bans on Nestles and Rothmans was unsuccessful. I hope you do not drink Milo or smoke Winfield!

★ MAY  
FLAIU staff dispute and the collapse of any Union industrial relations policy. The leftist decision in this matter now means that our federated liquor and allied industries staff are not really tied, in wages, to anyone. The Liberals and Democrats warn of future problems.

★ JUNE  
Future problems arrive. Our HAREA staff (the administrative staff) ask for an equivalent over award payment as given to the Flaiu members. The left (who find Harea staff philosophically unsound) opposed this equitable payment. Liberals and Democrats tell left it is their own fault for throwing away the rule book in May. We argue to give payment, then to reintroduce proper wage policy and guidelines. Arguments too complex for left who retire to SA office to contemplate on the political significance of their navels.

★ JULY  
Harea dispute finally resolved near end of July in way Liberals and Democrats argued back in June! Motion of no confidence moved in leftist chair. Complaints — incompetence, breach of trust to board and Union members, breach of trust to Union staff, general inability to fulfill role of chair. Motion lost. Left suddenly realise the Union is \$14,000 under budget for the first half of the year. Perhaps a break even budget was not so good after all. Oh well, at least we warned them.

★ AUGUST  
Who knows.

Note  
The above list includes only major events. If every small occurrence was included, I would still be writing come Christmas!

— Stephen King



The Left continually caucus — vote together to force their irresponsible policies — and bugger everyone else.



# Entertainment — the pits?

By  
**KERRY CORKE**

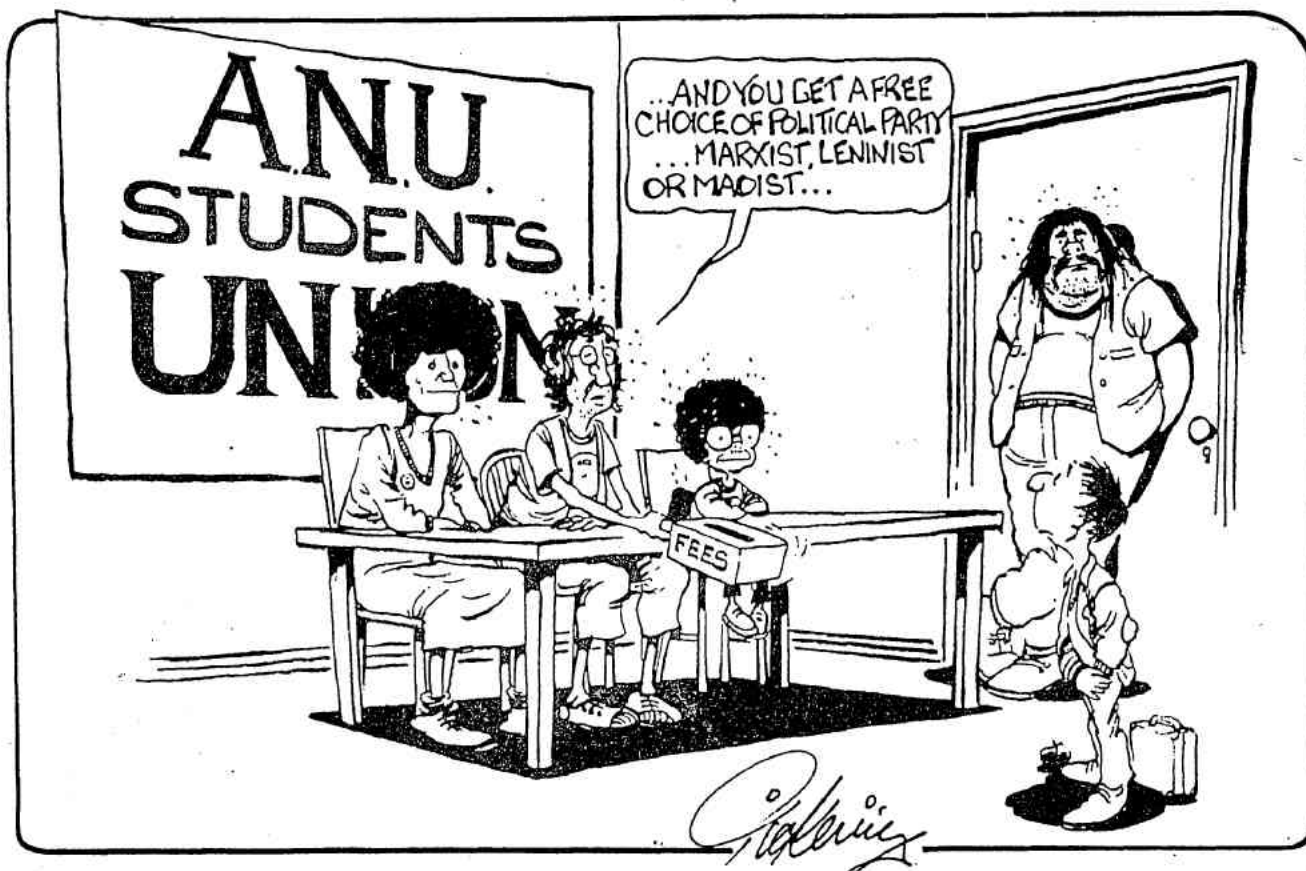
Most members of our Union have attended at one time or another the major concerts held at the Union: that is the Midnight Oil, Cold Chisel, Australian Crawl concerts and so on. However, such concerts are held only four or five times a year. What happens the rest of the year?

Well, much of the Union's available money for entertainment is spent on what is euphemistically described as "cultural" activities — on maypole dancing (?), Mexican and Indian cultural music, etc., which attracts very small crowds. Quite arguably this is a waste of members' compulsorily gained GSF monies, as few members take advantage of this "culture".

Reform/Democrat will attempt to change this. As a matter of policy a Ref/Dem Board will:—

- Introduce and publicise more "mainstream" entertainments, so as to appeal to most of YOU, rather than impose "kompulsory kulture";
- Publicise and extend the recently introduced movie nights;
- Examine demand for the simple, humble disco;
- Introduce "Union nights" — that is the traditional sought of University entertainment: plenty of beer, prawns, jazz, "new faces" ... or even perhaps a little cabaret with jugglers, striptease (currently unsound), etc.

— But generally aimed to encourage you the average member to use the Union YOU must pay for.



The current politicisation. Reform/Democrat will end politics on the Board — Let management manage.

## "If we ruled the world"

We have been most critical of how the "Left (in Action)" team has run the Union ... in a manner so poor the Union's finances, morale and entertainments are in ruins. How, then, would a Ref/Dem Board operate?

### Industrial Relations

Currently, staff morale in your Union is at an all time low. R/D will endeavour to mend the fences — basically R/D will limit their role to that of forming policy, allowing management to manage.

### Capital Renovations

Many parts of the Union (e.g., the Union Bar) look like a cess pit. Due to economic incompetence, there is little if any money available to improve your facilities. Given this unfortunate situation, R/D will:

- Budget in 1983 for refurbishment of the main bar. Industrial carpet in the bar, better furniture and lighting, etc. ... but only if economically responsible.
- Immediately put aside a proportion of the General Service Fee for capital renovations ... so that your Union will not be allowed to run down as far as it has now.

### Economic Responsibility

R/D would be economically responsible, by cutting economic extravagances, i.e., a Chair paid \$8000, and generally avoiding the "break even budget" mentality that has led the Union to be in this precarious economic position.

### Political Responsibility

R/D will:

- Eliminate a full-time Chair — plainly a job for the boys (or girls). A full time Chair bereft of things to do has continually interfered with management. A R/D chairman would concentrate on public

relations, leaving management to management.

- Eliminate all political censorship, e.g., the still-standing bans on Rothmans, etc.
- Eliminate student politicians.

### Co-operation with Sports Union members

Often, students who are sporting-inclined, do not frequent the Union. The Union is perceived as a haven for pot-smoking, long hair poofs. Certainly one couldn't take any sporting opponents in for a drink after their sport (I'd be ashamed to!). R/D would:

- Attempt to establish a "sportsman's bar" (which can be done at little cost at the bridge).
- Encourage sports clubs to use Union facilities: bars, the video, the meetings rooms, etc., — to use the Union that many sportsmen must pay for anyway by compulsion.

### Entertainment

R/D will, as a matter of policy, attempt to have more mainstream entertainment on at the Union, at the expense of "culture", such entertainment will be publicised.

### Advertise our Services and Constitution Reform

This year the Union has introduced:

- Tuesday movies (for instance, "The Godfathers" was on a fortnight ago).
- Knothole Bistro.
- Sandwich Bar

Did you know? Many don't. R/D will re-allocate its advertising so that you, the member, know when the gigs are on, the bars are open, etc., so you, the member, can use the Union.

Generally, we aim to be both responsive and responsible — so you get your \$90/65 worth ... without the politics!

## FOR THE UNION IN 1982

In 1982 the Union takes \$65 (\$90 for first years) of your General Service Fee. Are YOU happy with the services the Union provides?

Reform/Democrats will strive for:

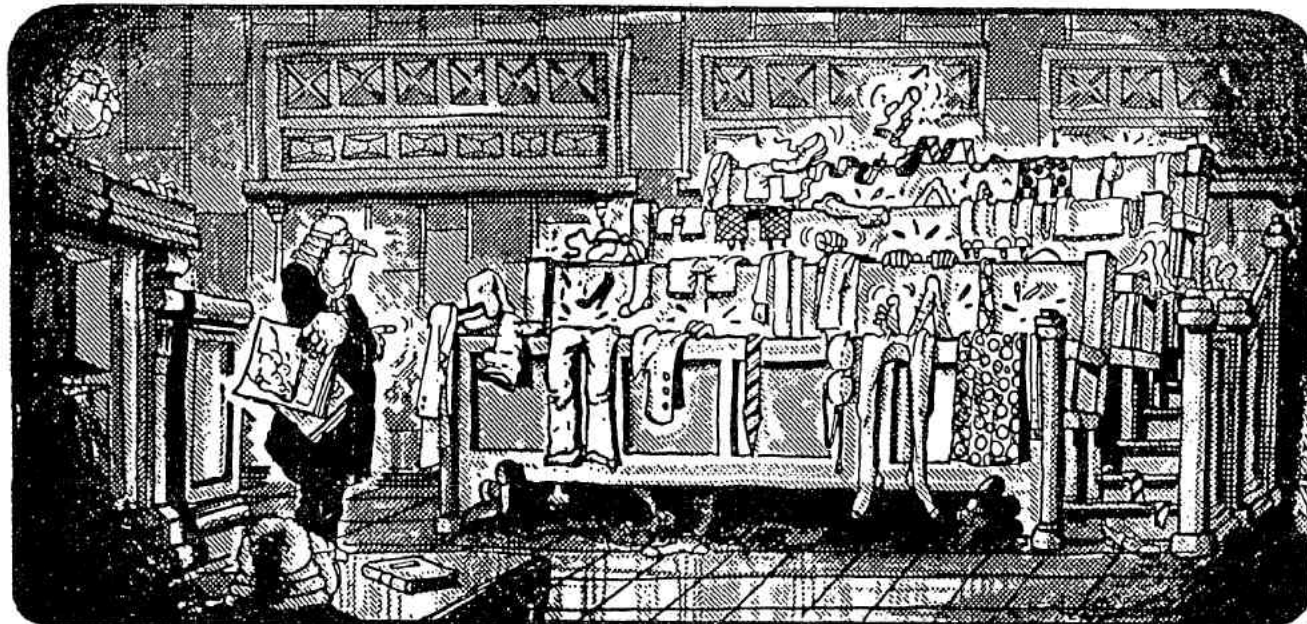
- Elimination of politics
- Financial responsibility
- More mainstream entertainment
- Refurbishment of Main Bar
- Providing for sportsmen
- A Union more responsive to its members.
- Constitutional reform (eliminating rotten boroughs).

### REFORM:

KAREN GIBSON  
CHRIS BOLDEN  
CHRIS MUNN  
GARY HUMPHRIES  
KERRY CORKE

### DEMOCRAT:

STEVEN KING  
BARRY CHAPPELL  
MARAGARET PAVEY  
DAVID MINIFIE



and you, the jury, must decide in your own minds if these publications stimulate feelings of an erotic nature.

Censorship ... aren't you lucky  
you are being protected by  
your Union Board?

# KORANS OR CADILLACS?

Ayatollah Khomeini set his revolutionary guards a lofty target in saying, when ordering them to cross the border into Iraq, that the road to Jerusalem was via Baghdad.

They have since found it extremely difficult to convert into actions the words of their prophet. The campaign of vengeance that transformed the Iraqi aggressor into a defender faltered after days.

Both sides claim victories. Both are said to have had serious losses.

When Iraq's President Saddam Hussein ordered his troops to invade Iran nearly two years ago he was hoping the Arab population of the Iranian oil province, Khuzistan, would side with them.

In much the same way Ayatollah Khomeini is hoping the Shi'ite majority in Iraq will take arms against the Sunnite Baath regime in Baghdad.

So far he has hoped to no avail. The Iraqi armed forces are fighting on their home ground more resolutely and determinedly than at any time in the past 22 months.

The Iranian invasion seems to be forging unity among Iraq's Arabs regardless of their religious differences. The Shatt al Arab war is more than a clash between religions and ideologies.

Its roots lie in the historic conflict between Arabs and Persians and in the old struggle for control of the Gulf.

The outcome of the Iranian campaign of conquest, the second instalment of the Gulf War, is uncertain. Despite the momentum of the Iranian attack no-one is expecting Tehran to make it a swift victory along the lines of an Israeli blitzkrieg.

The Iranian revolutionary army is too inflexible and too motley a crew. Its success is due more to fanatical belief in the promises of the Koran than to the precision of its artillery.

Unable to make full use of the possibilities of modern warfare, the two armies face heavy losses in a costly war of attrition.

It is an unpredictable conflict that threatens to destabilise the entire oil region, an area of vital interest to the industrialised Western states.

The West can favour victory neither by the one side nor the other. A victory for Khomeini's Islamic revolution as it progressed triumphantly through Iraq, toppling the Baghdad regime, would put a Middle East that is already unstable completely out of joint.

A block of fundamentalist states extending from the borders of Afghanistan to Syria's Mediterranean

coast would be an alarming bulwark of the Islamic revolution and the starting point for a new wave of Islamic conquest.

Feudal Saudi Arabia and the conservative oil sheikhdoms in the Gulf would be first to be threatened with the violent export of Khomeini-style revolution.

Yet the ouster of Khomeini as a result of a resounding defeat inflicted on the Iranian army in Iraq cannot be in the West's interest either.

What is to come after the death of the ageing ayatollah? Democratic resistance to the mullahs has long been crushed. The survivors are, first and foremost, well-organised militant left-wing groups that have gone underground.

The Russians, who are viewed by strictly orthodox Muslims as unbelievers, just as the Americans are, seem to be keeping their counsel and waiting for left-wing revolution.

Even if there is not a dramatic military outcome in the marshland of the Euphrates and the Tigris, the West's oil supplies and allies run a risk.

It is a risk of domestic trouble resulting from their social contradictions. People in the conservative sheikhdoms live in a confusing and

contradictory world of change.

They are caught between the conflicting claims of traditions and modernity, between the Koran and the Cadillac, and are highly receptive to the promises of salvation by a creed that lays claim to religious certainty and unity of belief and action, life and politics.

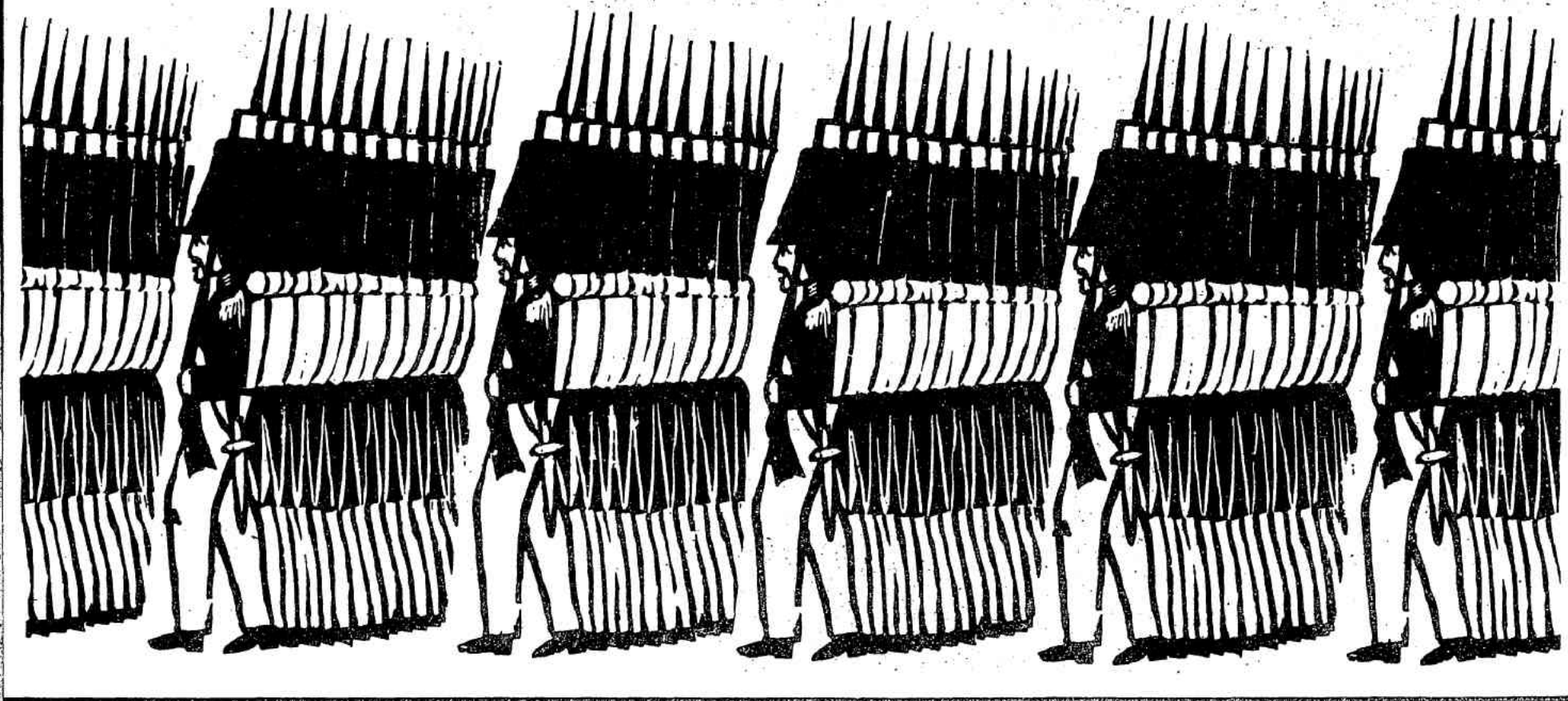
This alarming development is all the more dangerous for the Arab states as these backward-looking hopes are faced by the ideological pressure of progressive, modern Palestinian intellectuals who operate the levers of technocracy.

It is here that one comes full circle from Basrah to Beirut, from the Gulf War to the fighting in Lebanon by the Palestinians.

Further procrastination on the Palestinian problem and a further expulsion of refugees to neighbouring Arab countries without hope of a homeland would serve only to heighten domestic tension in the moderate Arab states.

Washington must succeed in forcing Israel to abandon its ominous policy of displacement. Otherwise the West will stand no chance of helping stability in the crisis-torn region.

—Thomas Gack



Everyone has to deal with the law sometime — whether it is signing a lease, buying a car, a contract of employment, applying for special government assistance, insurance, making a will, or getting arrested . . . It is important for all students to know their rights and understand what the law is and how it affects them. In fact, many courses such as welfare, social work, environmental studies, commerce and accounting, not to mention law, have legal components, which although small, are relevant to the outside

world.

One of the most useful resources available on common legal problems is the **LEGAL RESOURCES BOOK (NSW)** published by Redfern Legal Centre. Since its release in 1978, it has sold over 12,000 copies and the favourable response it has received from many lawyers, academics, government and community agencies, students and the general public, gives some indication of the demand that exists for practical, readable information on the law. It is already a highly recommended text for many courses in universities, techs, CAEs and schools throughout New South Wales. The book

covers 22 areas of the law — Consumers, Debts, Bankruptcy, Tax, Employment, Injuries and Accidents, Insurance, Housing, Environment, Family, Children, Wills, Welfare, Migrants, Discrimination, Crime, Prisoners, Mental Health, Complaints against Government, Lawyers and Police, Defamation, Legal Aid and Powers of Attorney. It is published in loose-leaf form and a subscription is available to an updating service which allows readers to keep up with changes to the law.

Redfern Legal Centre was the first community legal centre to be set up in New South Wales and has remained an independent free service, funded mainly by small grants from Commonwealth and State resources, with assistance from Sydney City Council. However, despite its recognition as playing a vital role in the delivery of legal services and in the development

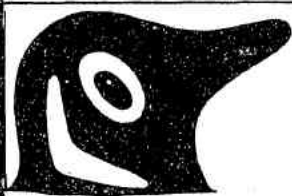
of legal education and law reform, the Centre's financial position remains precarious. Proceeds from sales of the **LEGAL RESOURCES BOOK** help keep the Centre in operation.

An important aim of the Redfern Legal Centre is to overcome the legal knowledge vacuum which exists within the community. It attempts to do this in two ways: firstly, by providing free legal advice and assistance to people who attend the centre. This is the 'patching up' side of the service which involves attacking problems which have already arisen. Another perhaps far more crucial side, is the preventative role — developing and distributing knowledge so that awareness and self-help can prevent these problems from arising. The **LEGAL RESOURCES BOOK** is seen as one extension of this work in community legal education and is considered a major attempt to

return the law to the people.

The Centre has over 100 volunteers — solicitors, barristers, law students (legal assistants), social and welfare workers, interpreters, typists and general workers, supplemented by a small core of full-time staff. The 'non-legal' atmosphere of the Centre helps break down the barrier between people and the law. Volunteers answer general queries, assist with file work, interview clients and often become involved in specific projects. In 1981 a course for Legal Education for school students was developed and run, and the the Migrant Radio Tapes were produced, translated and distributed to radio stations throughout NSW. The **LEGAL RESOURCES BOOK (NSW)** is available from Redfern Legal Centre, Uni Cop Bookshops, Angus and Robertson, Collins Bookstores and most well-stocked bookshops in Sydney and country areas.

## BOGUS BOOK REVIEWS



# NEW PENGUINS

## An August Selection

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Like *Lord of the Flies*, *Rites of Passage* proves that William Golding is the best living writer of the short novel in the English language. Winner of the *Booker McConnell Prize 1980*, *Rites of Passage* is a profound and subtle comedy set on the high seas.

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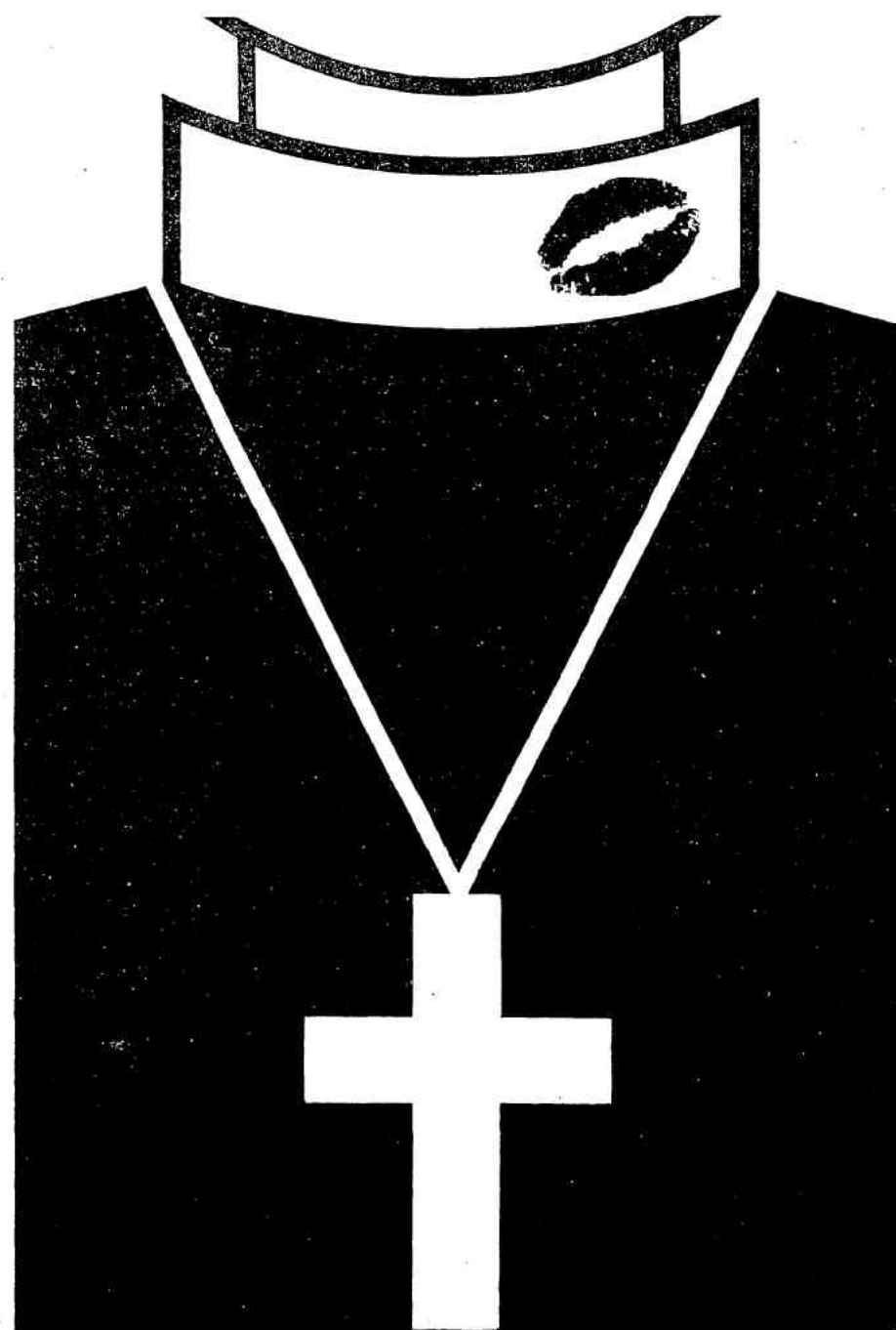
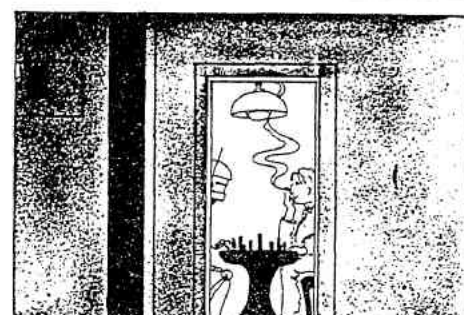
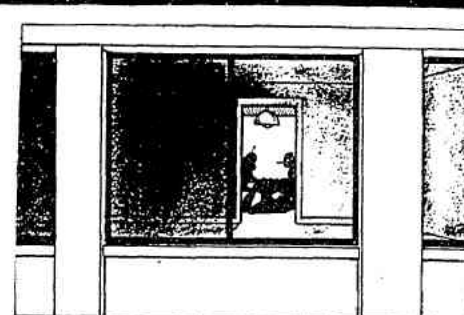
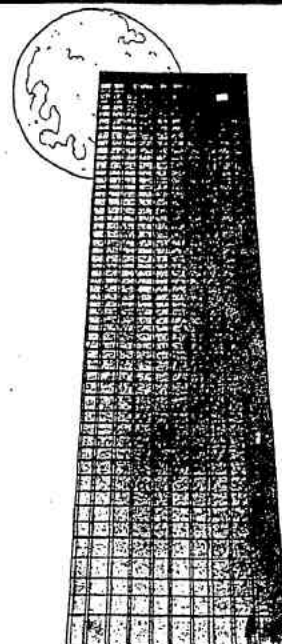
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I often think it strange, if not absurd  
When I read other people's pronouncements about God,  
about what He's done and why,  
of how we've all got to come to terms  
with their idea of Him.

I suppose it's like having a father as PM,

the pundits forever analysing his latest move,

reducing the man into blocks of words  
When what you knew

Was something in his eye,  
Something in the creased warmth of his hand

When he offered it to you  
as Dad,

and so, too, with God,

'cause all I ever knew as a running boy  
in the lucky country

was that He was there,  
tailing in before the buffets of air

I left eddying behind,  
oh me, laughing at my little thoughts,

my little sins  
here, slap my wrist,

joking with this Guy,  
the gaming partner.

Though something in this morning's  
paper

mocks my grin,  
Of little sticks of boys running for the beach

to see only the waves of the  
Mediterranean lapping in,

pleading with this guy  
Why the knife behind the laugh,

Why the chatter of sub-guns knocking  
fathers

forever out of the din.

—LEE BYGRAVE

## MiG 25 to sidewinder AIM 9M

Down through the swirl of strato-  
spheric streams

You implement scenarios of flight  
In cool curvaceousness — your body

gleams  
Your sensuous fins caress the zenithed

light  
And stimulate the sensors of my love.

Our nuptial dance begins — seeking my  
heat

At Machless speed you wind below,  
above,

Aside, in perfect parody — replete  
With sensitivity and lovers' gifts.

You follow, unsexed by brighter  
spoils:

The noon-tall sun, the desert-floor, the  
shifts

Of hot-blood birds — your eyes ignore  
these foils

As we are brought to interface at last  
In one climactic, consummating blast.

—Robert Carver

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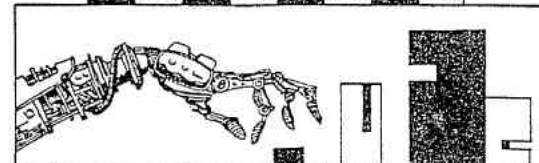
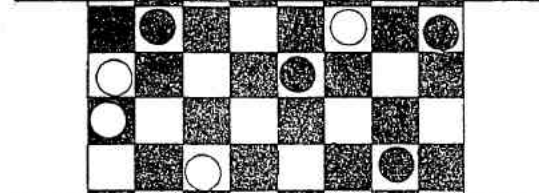
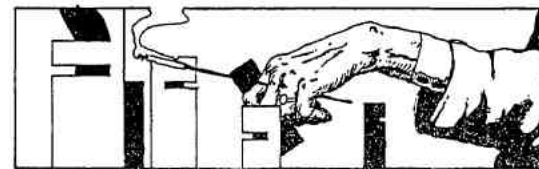
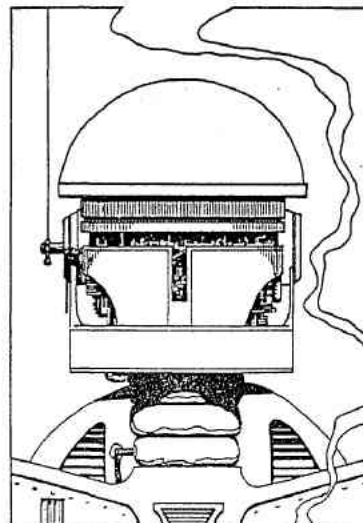
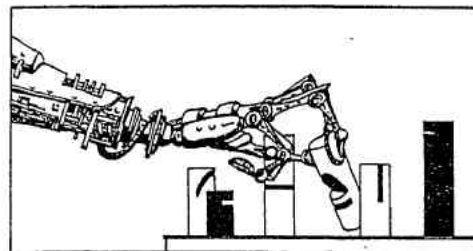
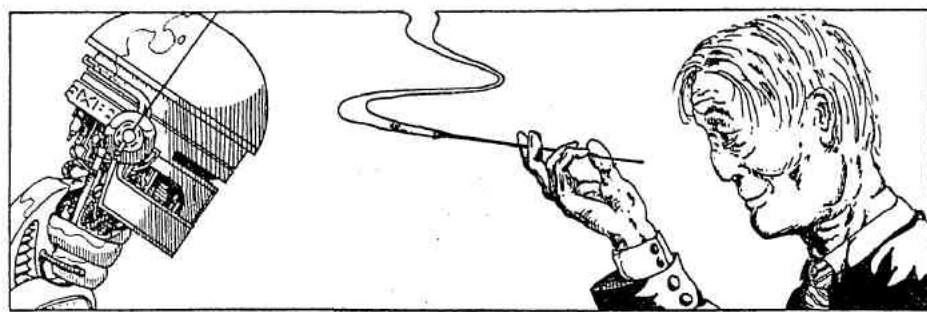
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## - BOOKS -



**ZEN POETRY**: by Lucien Stryk and Takashi Ikemoto. Penguin Books, London.

Are you enlightened? If not start with Lucien Stryk's excellent introduction, which explains enough Zen philosophy to make the book reasonably readable to those with little or no previous knowledge of Buddhism.

Though if you fall into this category I would suggest that your six dollars is probably much better invested in something else as even with the introduction many of the poems will remain totally incomprehensible.

If, however, you happen to have an interest in the civilizations of the Far East, "Zen Poetry" will make a very worthy addition to your library.

Stryk and Ikemoto provide excellent translations of many Chinese and Japanese Zen masters, Japanese haiku, and the contemporary Japanese poet Sinkichi Takahashi.

The joint nature of the work and Lucien Stryk's poetic genius merge to make these translations a unique event in that they maintain all the delicate beauty and economy of style so characteristic of the Chinese and Japanese originals.

*A deafening peal,  
A thief escaped  
my body. What  
Have I learnt?  
The Lord of Nothingness  
Has a dark face.*

The considerable section devoted to haiku must however rate as the translators' supreme attainment. The superb translation manages to maintain many of the multiple associations which are the main feature of haiku whereas in most transliterations I have seen previously these are usually lost or obscured.

Sinkichi Takahashi is the subject of the last of the book's four sections and the beautiful, concise poetry of Japan's most acclaimed contemporary poet forms a fitting conclusion to the work. This section of the book at least should be read by anyone with an interest in beautiful poetry.

"Zen Poetry" achieves its aim and will be much appreciated by English speaking Zenists and dilettantes. It is probably of little interest to anyone else however.

— ALEX PRIOR  
Semper

#### PSYCHOANALYSIS: THE IMPOSSIBLE PROFESSION

By Janet Malcolm. Picador, \$4.95

Janet Malcolm, a New York journalist, has investigated today's psychoanalytic movement with a thoroughness and flair that Sigmund Freud himself would have admired.

Forty-three years after his death, the science Freud called psychoanalysis is portrayed in its most vigorous form in New York, where the dynamic, patriarchal figure of the great man still dominates and divides the profession.

With the aid of a confidant, "Aaron Green", and a practising psychoanalyst with an incisive Jewish wit, Malcolm guides the reader through the labyrinth of psychoanalysis, where orthodox and neo-Freudians squabble and professional associations' form monastic-like orders with jealously guarded standards and hierarchies.

The discussions of technical areas of psychoanalysis, such as the phenomena of transference, where the patient relives relationships with his parents with the psychoanalyst, and counter transference where the therapist undergoes a similar process with the client, are among the book's test areas.

Malcolm tells of psychotherapists who committed the unpardonable sin of marrying their patients, and were subsequently expelled by their associates.

Malcolm has opened the door of the consultation room and the reader is given the image of therapy both from the couch and the analyst's chair.

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'Journalism become art'  
NEW YORK TIMES

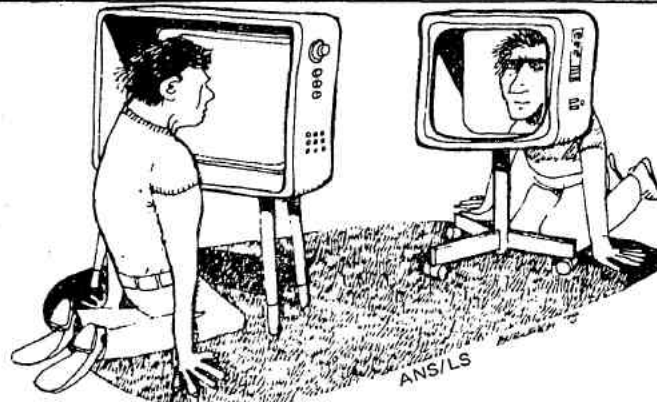
The process of therapy is presented as drama, with the therapist skillfully and scientifically guiding the client through the subterranean world of the unconscious. The descriptions are spiced with accounts of crucial incidents in therapy varying from the poignant to the hilarious.

If the book fails to tell exactly what psychoanalysis is, there is also the feeling of have experienced part of the continuing ferment of the New York psychoanalytic scene, where the energy and conflict released by Freud's revolutionary theories is found today in its most vibrant form.

— P. PETERSEN  
Semper

#### The Wizard of Id

by Parker and Hart



women

# WOMEN'S LIBERATION: ANOTHER VIEW

— Helen Campbell

Margot Stuart's article on "Women's Liberation and Socialism" which appeared in the last issue of *Woroni* argues that the liberation of women will only come when the material basis of our oppression is transformed by a workers' revolution. Hence, she, and the International Socialists, oppose both the autonomy of the Women's Movement and the concept of patriarchy as its tool of analysis.

Some of her arguments are well founded. It may be true that the choice of separatism as an alternative to participation in a male dominated society may be an option available to only those of a certain economic status. There can be no doubt, either, of the appalling abuse of the autonomous women's movement as a political tool by men and their tokenist mouthpieces such as Thatcher.

However, two claims are made with which I must take issue.

## Class

The article states that "it is not men who benefit from the oppression of women but capital" so "the abolition of class society alone provides an answer to how we win our liberation."

This argument, which links women to male members of the same "class" rather than to each other as common members of an oppressed gender, neatly avoids a fundamental problem of definition. For women are presumed to take on the class position of our husbands and fathers.

We are defined through the activities and status of men. This well-recognised blind spot in Marxist thought disguises the fact that women, of whatever (male) class affiliation, are oppressed because we are female. The stereotyped role-definition of our work and capabilities, our functional definition in terms of child-rearing (the mythical "maternal instinct"), and the control of our fertility and sexuality in male terms, of which the worst expression is the implicit right-to-rape in our culture, all fundamentally affect the potential of women to live as self-determined individuals. And this adverse effect (the ideological basis of our oppression) affects **all women**: regardless of who our husbands and fathers are.

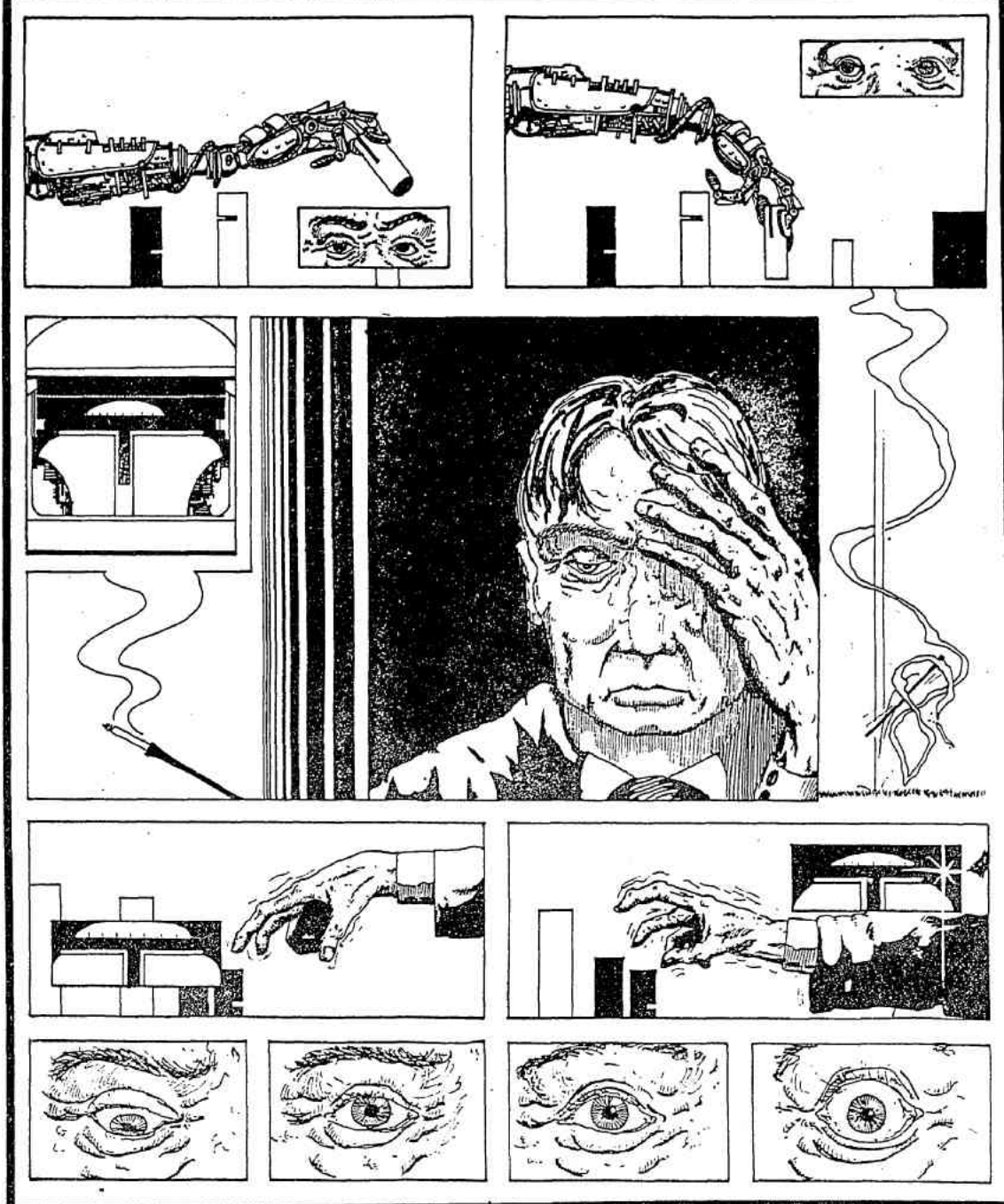
A material class based analysis cannot adequately explain this aspect of our oppression.

## Historical Materialism

The article claims that "there is always a connection between the material and the economic basis of a society and the ideas which arise within that society." Thus, "the abolition of class society" and "the material base of the capitalist family" would lead to the liberation of women.

The "connection" Margot Stuart makes between the material and the ideological structures of oppression seems simple: remove material exploitation by a capitalist mode of production, and the basis for the oppression of women will also be removed. However, the relationship between the **historically and materially specific** forms of the oppression of women and the ideology which justifies it is much more complex.

As a starting point, it is now clear that in all known human societies in all times at all places, women are and have been oppressed by men. It is the **particular form** of our oppression here and now that is modified and directed by the needs of capital: that is, it is **expressed** in materially specific terms. But it does not exist in these terms; indeed, the forms of male domination are adaptable to any material form, as the experience of world history shows.



For example, the mode of production in all known societies depends to an extent on the sexual division of labour: some tasks are deemed appropriate only for women, others only for men. Exactly which labour roles are assigned to each gender is modified by the time, place, and type of society; but **the division of labour is always present.**

Hence the description of the oppression of women in terms of the needs of capital is inadequate. There is a connection between the material basis of our society and the ideas that arise within it. There is a connection between the needs of capital and the form of the family.

To translate these forms into socialist idealist classless society is unlikely to do more than provide the material base for a new ideology which will oppress women in different historically specific terms. The aim of the autonomous women's movement is to comprehend both the current **form** of our oppression and the **nature** of the oppression itself, which has existed for over 2000 years worldwide.

A material change alone will do no more than assist the search for a comprehension of, and solution to, the oppression of women.

## Why use the theory of patriarchy?

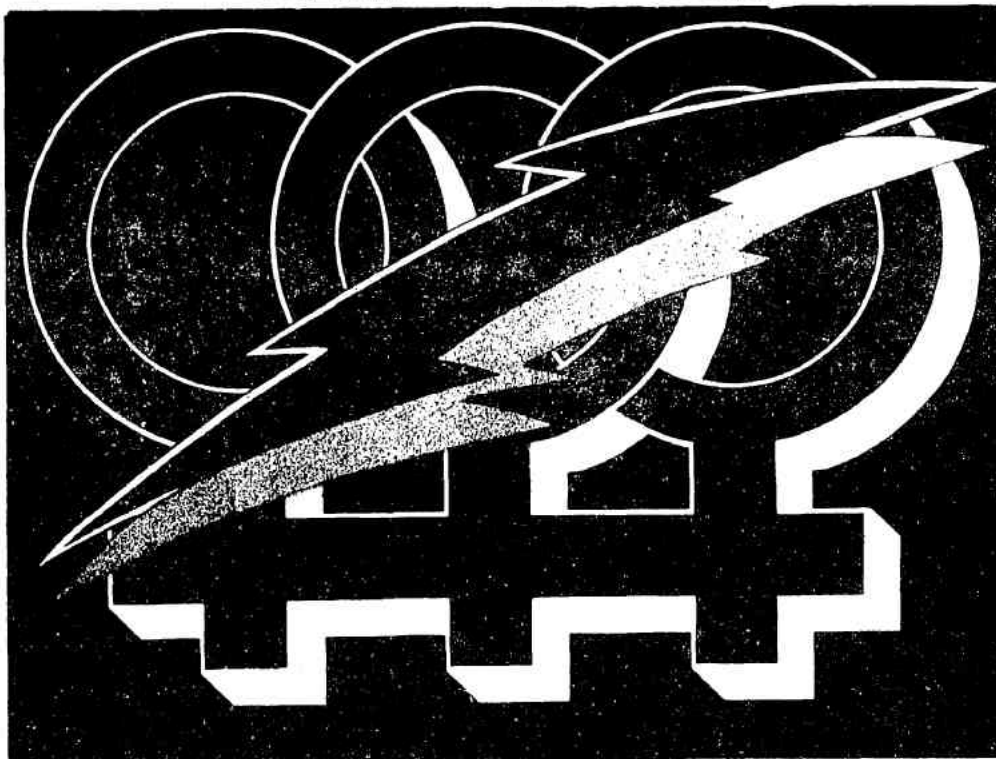
The recognition of aspects of women's oppression which are neither material nor class-based points to the need for a theoretical framework that transcends a marxist mode of analysis. It is in response to this need that the concept of patriarchy was developed. Margot Stuart accurately describes the concept of patriarchy as "the theory that male domination exists not just as a product of capitalism".

However, she goes on to describe patriarchy as a concept limited to an a-historical universal, inapplicable to material reality. This is an unnecessarily inflexible description of a tool of analysis which has aided such diverse projects as feminist anthropology, the exploration of marriage as a labour contract, and the reworking of Freud to explain how women learn to accept our status in a male dominated world. Indeed, current debates in many streams of feminist thought suggest that patriarchy is being applied to **too many** different analytic forms, not **too few** as the International Socialists suggest.

It may well be time to rework our knowledge and use of the theory of patriarchy. It is certainly not time to replace it with a marxist framework as the article suggests. The operation of ideology is a complex area of study, and may justifiably be studied in isolation from the material base that shapes it.

If patriarchy is an appropriate tool with which to do so, then it should continue to be used. If, on the other hand, aspects of women's oppression can be found which do not fit the concept of patriarchy, it may be in need of revision or replacement. But to posit that the only alternative is a material class based analysis is to take a step backwards into a framework developed by men to describe a men's world; on which cannot explain the experience of women over many times and places, and cannot deal with the gendered ordering of our concepts of ourselves and our bodies and our potential as individuals.

Perhaps we should instead look forwards to the work of new French feminists and question the structure of thought itself as gender-biased. We may then be able to better describe and eradicate our oppression.



# Coming WORONI Deadlines

DEADLINE	DATE OF PUBLICATION/ DISTRIBUTION
August 18th	September 14th
September 8th	September 28th
September 22nd	October 12th
October 6th	October 26th

## Trying to get the best of all worlds

By  
Elizabeth Hinz

A new branch of medicine called ethnomedicine aims to analyse man's attitude in various countries and civilisations towards illness and health.

Ethnomedicine compares cultures, hoping that what is learned will benefit not only the developing nations but the West as well.

It is so new that the latest encyclopedias have no entry on it.

Yet it has been in existence in a way for at least 30 years although it has been of interest primarily to ethnologists and people interested in the more curious aspects of alien civilisations.

An ethnomedical workshop has been in existence at the Ethnological Museum of the Portheim Foundation Heidelberg since 1970.

The aim is to establish interdisciplinary co-operation between the various branches of medicine on the one hand and ethnology and sociology on the other.

The workshop is a collection of various institutions, scientists and laymen and now has some 300 German and foreign members.

Since 1978, the organisation has also been publishing a magazine for ethnomedicine and trans-cultural psychiatry called "Curare".

The name has two roots: the arrow poison (also a major element of modern anaesthetics) and the Latin verb "curare" (to care for).

The magazine is a mouthpiece for the workshop's world-wide effort to improve the image of folk medicine, to examine its practices and to encourage its best features to be adopted into traditional health systems.

To understand how an ethnological group and its medicine are related everything that relates to illness and health must be regarded as part of the civilisation of the country concerned — very much like its religion, language or art.

Ethnomedicine believes that the development of medicine in a nation is an organic process extending over centuries and a handed-down system that is in harmony with that nation's behavioural patterns in illness and in health. The cultural achievements of folk medicine require no academic support.

A comparison of the attitude towards illness and health in the West and in the

developing countries and those of individual peoples shows major differences — not only in the attitude towards illness but also in coping with the fear that goes with it.

Modern Western medicine orientates itself by scientific thought patterns, in physical phenomena that can be weighed and measured.

Ethnomedicine does not say that this is all wrong. Nor does it deny the enormous progress medicine has made this century.

But the realisation that illness concerns not only the body but the mind as well is spreading.

The sick person must be viewed not only as an individual but as part of his environment and his family.

It is here that tradition-steeped methods of treatment that devote much time and attention to the individual have an edge over soulless technological medicine.

The industrial countries tend to overlook the fact that it was largely the development of health insurance that made many of our medical achievements possible.

Modern Western medicine supplanted the last vestiges of folk medicine by enabling the patient to go to the doctor and get drugs without having to worry about the cost.

But in developing countries, there is little cash available for medicine.

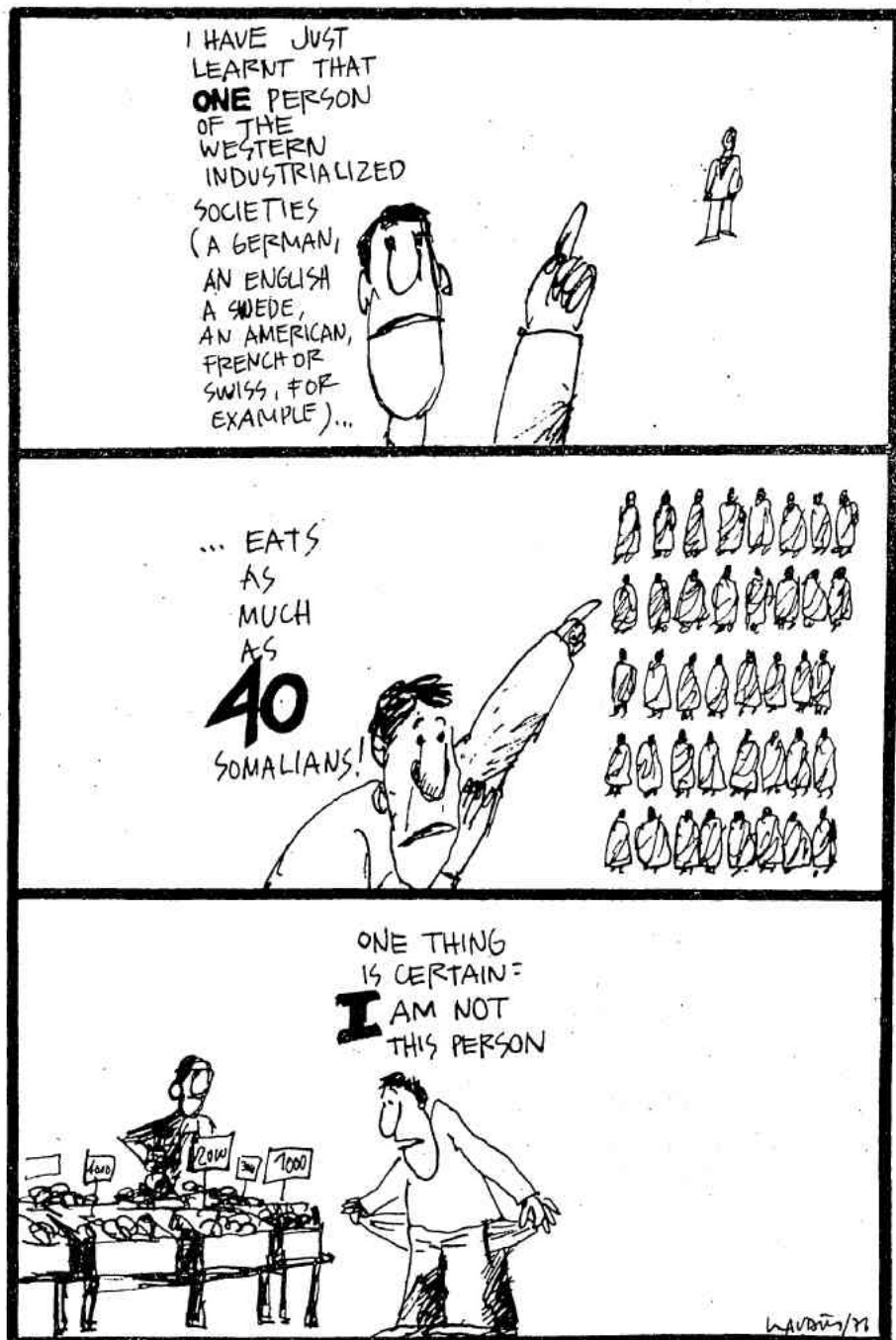
This means that an Indian or African peasant who has broken a leg can't stay for long in hospital because that would ruin his family financially.

Experts estimate that up to 80 per cent of patients in the developing world still make use of traditional folk medicine.

As a result, ethnomedicine suggests a careful analysis of medical pluralism in the developing countries by using both scientific and folk medicine. By overcoming the mutual mistrust between doctors trained in Western medicine and traditional curers it should be possible to build up a system using both approaches.

The magazine "Curare" is promoting this idea by providing comprehensive information on research results, including field research.

This is supported by regular conferences, held since 1973. Some medical schools now also offer lectures and seminars on ethnomedicine.



## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS Election of Ten (10) Members of the Union Board of Management

Twenty-one nominations having been accepted, a ballot will be held to decide ten (10) members of the Union Board of Management.

The names of the candidates, in order in which they will appear on the ballot paper are as follows:

1. MEYER, Donna Ruth Isabelle
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5. LEACOCK, Rob
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7. GIBSON, Karen Anne
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9. BOLDEN, Christopher Graeme
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11. TURNER, Bronwen
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13. STOREY, Matthew
14. EDWARDS, Katrina Mary
15. MINIFIE, David
16. WISHART, Peter
17. CORKE, Kerry M.
18. PAVEY, Margaret Anne
19. CHAPPELL, Barry
20. SKYRING, Sallyann
21. JACKSON, Malcolm Christopher

Polling will take place in the Union Building downstairs foyers, from Monday, 16 August 1982 to Thursday, 19 August 1982 inclusive, between the hours 11am and 6.30pm each day.

Other polling places and times are:

- (i) For students in the proximities of the Menzies Library, Law School and Faculty of Asian Studies — Wednesday, 18 August 1982, from 12 noon to 2pm in the "K" Block Canteen.
- (ii) For residents of Burgmann College — Monday 16 August 1982 from 5.30pm to 6.15pm in the "alcoves", Burgmann College.
- (iii) For residents of John XXIII College — Tuesday, 17 August 1982 in the foyer of John XXIII College 5.45pm to 6.30pm.
- (iv) For residents of Ursula College — Wednesday, 18 August 1982 in the entrance to the dining room of Ursula College 5.45pm to 6.30pm.
- (v) For residents of Burton and Garran Halls — Monday, 16 August 1982, from 5.45pm to 6.30pm in the upstairs foyer of Burton/Garran.
- (vi) For residents of Bruce Hall and Corin House — Tuesday, 17 August 1982, from 5.45pm to 6.30pm in the foyer of Bruce Hall.

Every person who was, at the close of nominations (i.e. 12.30pm on Monday, 2 August 1982) an ordinary or life member of the Union is eligible to vote at the election, except a person suspended from membership.

L. A. J. SUTHERLAND,  
Returning Officer



# FROM THE CHAIR

## a mid-term report from Katrina Edwards

A lot of publicity has recently been given to the position of chair of the Union Board of Management. As my statement for Woroni on the recent no confidence motion was not printed in full (despite published 'News Unlimited' policy) I shall attempt here once again to put my point of view.

Since I was elected Chair of the Board in November last year, what I believe to have been a politically motivated campaign of harassment has been conducted against me. Examples of the actions of "Reformer"/Democrat (Liberal) members have been:

- A motion cutting the chair's salary in half discussed at the meeting after I was elected full-time chair.

- Continued allegations that I was lying over the way I voted on the FCAIV wage claim despite repeated replies on my part that I supported the claim from the beginning.

- Personal attacks in Woroni and the Reformer against me.

- No confidence motion in me as chair.

### THE CHARGES

The last Woroni repeated the charges made against me and so I shall now reply to each one.

#### (1) Minutes

Board minutes are prepared by the

Secretary and checked by the Executive Officer and Chair. They are then confirmed by the Board who may further amend them. This is standard practice in the Union and most other organisations and not something peculiar to me! If the Board does not believe minutes to be accurate they should not confirm them — this has not happened while I have been chair.

#### (2) Union News

It has been alleged that Union News has been used to "further perceived political ends." This claim has not been substantiated — the only instance given proved to be confusion with an article with Woroni. Moreover the chair can be over-ruled on her editorial capacity by the Union's publications committee of which Messrs Keng, Cottle, Munn are members.

#### (3) Interference in budgetary process and management of the Union.

All Board members have the right to participate in the decision-making process in the Union! I have always carefully separated my role as an elected Board member practising policy and as a neutral chair by vacating the chair whenever I wish to participate in the debate.

One important rule the chair can perform is to present a more member oriented view as opposed to managements more economic viewpoints on matters of day-to-day concern to students. The chair cannot give directions but can and does usefully consult with those who make the day-to-day management decisions which affect the Union's users.

#### (4) Communications Policy

The Chair is a member of the Union's staff. This means that it would be impossible for all communications between other staff and the chair to be directed through the Executive Officer as a literal interpretation of this policy seems to suggest.

#### (5) What the Chair does

The Chair's duties are many and varied. Below are described some of the main areas — I challenge anyone to complete them, on less than an average of a 35 hour week!

##### (a) Meetings

The Chair is a member of most of the Union's committees. This entails attending at least 15 hours of meetings a month — weekly Executive Committee, plus the Constitutional Review, Finance and Board meetings.

Normally the chair of the Board chairs all the committees which means preparing agenda's, satisfying members of meetings and writing up minutes.

##### (b) Public Relations

###### (i) Union News

The Chair writes most of this fortnightly newsletter, does the layout and arranges distribution.

###### (ii) Radio 2XX

The Union Programme is recorded every week and I have been involved in collating the material for broadcast as well as participating in the programme.

##### (c) Monitoring Board policy implementation

This involves reading all correspondence, both incoming and outward bound, papers and extensive

discussions with management and Board members.

##### (d) Preparation of submissions for Bd and Committees

This is listed on the Chair's duty statement and in effect allows the chair to act as a research assistance, ensuring the Board has sufficient information for sound decision-making.

I work on average for more than 35 hours a week, talking to Board members and students, working on the minute and the many other miscellaneous duties that arise. Setting up a series of set times when people know I will be in my office was an attempt to make myself more accessible not less.

### WHY A FULL-TIME CHAIR

The chair is the students' representative in the Union's management, there to protect members' interests. The structure is in many ways like that of a government department with the Chair (Minister) responsible for policy decisions through the Board and the Secretary responsible for the execution of these decisions.

A previous Executive Officer, Mr C. Lee suggested that the Chair's position be upgraded to that of President so that recognition of "the Union's important contribution to student welfare, activities and facilities would be greatly facilitated by the acceptance of the proper status that should be accorded to the head of the University Union."

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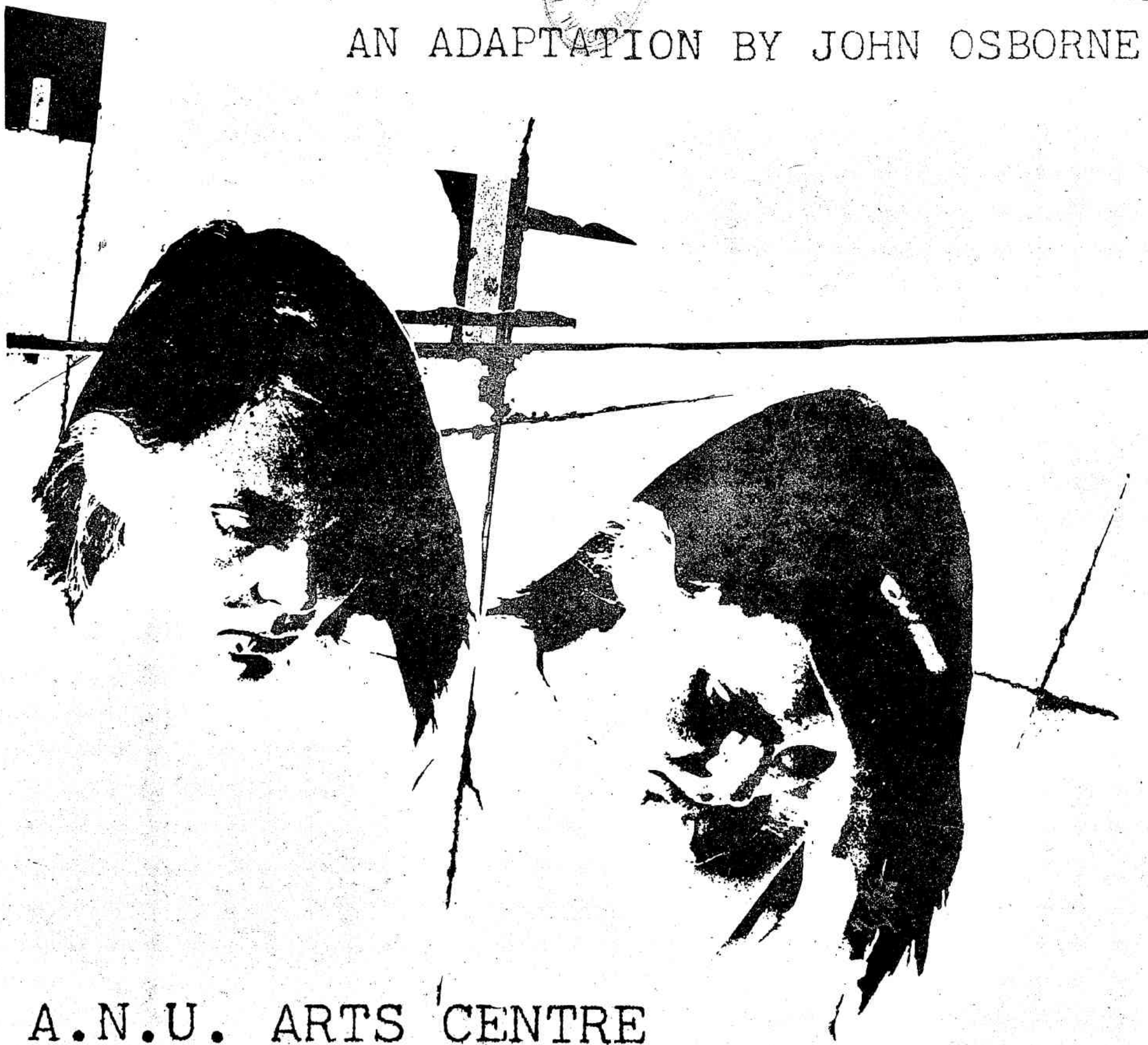
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